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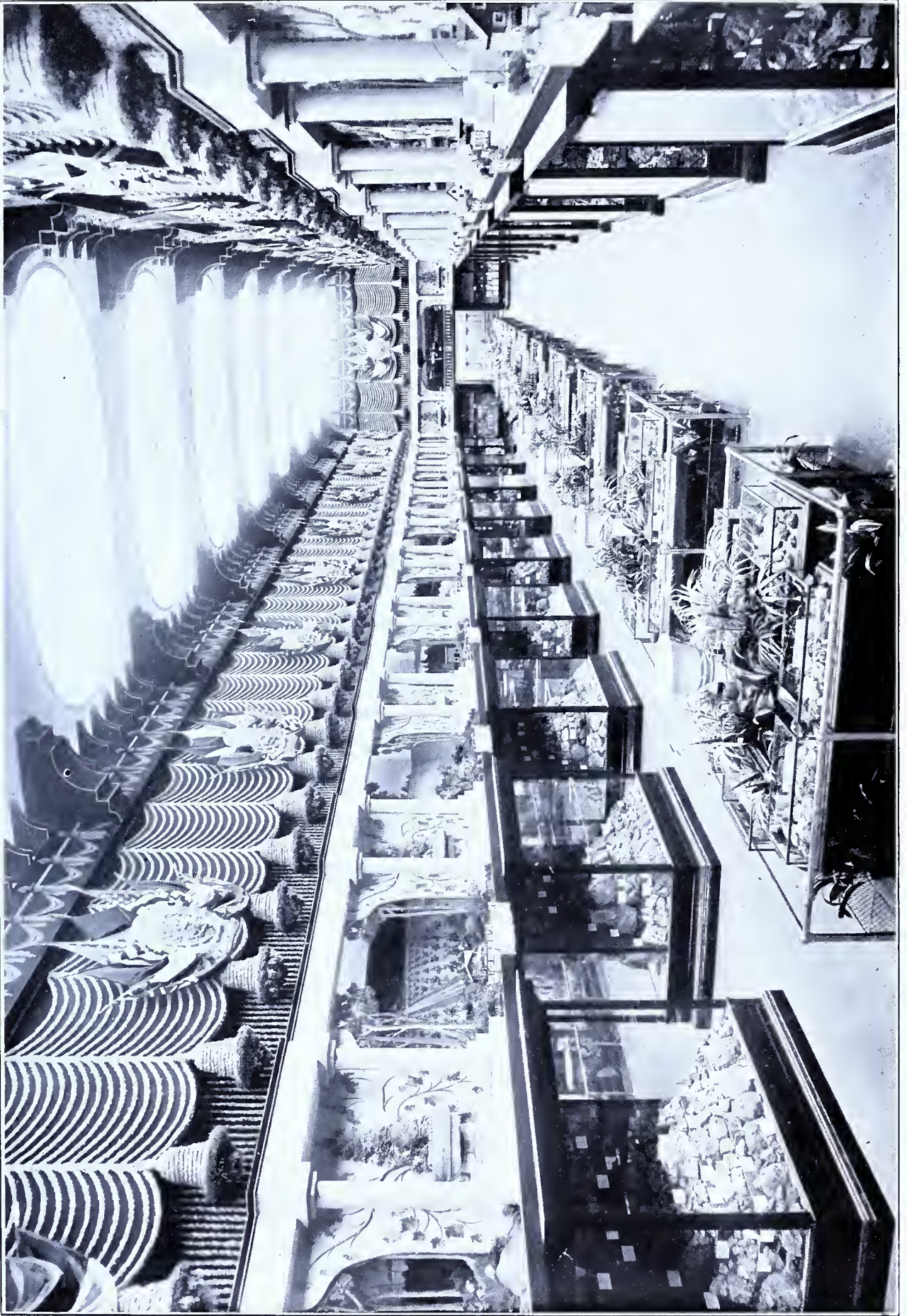






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General View of Mineral Court—Canadian Pavilion, Panama Exposition.



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A Short History of Mining in the Province, a Synopsis of the Mining  
Laws in Force, Statistics of Mineral Production to Date,  
and a Brief Summary of the Progress of  
Mining during '1914.



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# BRITISH COLUMBIA, THE MINERAL PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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British Columbia has produced to date \$73,269,603 of Placer Gold, \$81,595,516 of Lode Gold, \$37,709,282 of Silver, \$31,468,462 of Lead, \$86,939,370 of Copper, and \$149,814,462 of Coal and Coke; \$26,026,050 other metals and building-stone, etc., a total production of \$486,822,745.

The Mineral Production for 1914 was \$26,388,825.

Lode-mining has only been in progress for about twenty-two years, and not 30 % of the mineral land has been even prospected; 250,000 square miles of unexplored mineral-bearing land are open for prospecting.

Mineral locations are granted to the discoverers for nominal fees.

Absolute titles are obtained by developing such properties, the security of which is guaranteed by Crown grants.

The Mining Laws of this Province are more liberal and the fees lower than in any Province in the Dominion, or any Colony of the British Empire.

Full information, together with Mining Reports and Maps, may be obtained from the Agent-General for British Columbia, Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C., or by addressing

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# MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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British Columbia, the most westerly Province of the Confederation forming the Dominion of Canada, comprises, principally, that section of British North America lying to the westward of the summit of the Rocky mountains. The northern boundary of the Province is the 60th parallel; its southern boundary the United States of America, or practically, the 49th parallel; on the west it is bounded by the Pacific ocean, and on the east by the Rocky mountains as far north as the 54th parallel; beyond that by the 120th meridian of west longitude.

The total area of British Columbia is about 382,000 square miles, of which 285,000 square miles are estimated to be as yet uncultivated.

The country is traversed in a north-westerly direction by four more or less continuous chains of mountains, between which lie valleys of varied width, well suited for agriculture.

Each of these mountain ranges has been proved to contain mineral in sufficient quantity to be profitably mined, while the valleys of the interior, lying immediately to the west of the Rocky Mountain range proper, contain placer gold throughout the whole length of the Province and have been and are being worked in places to great profit. To quote from a report of the late Dr. Geo. M. Dawson, Director of the Geological Survey of Canada:—

“While it may now be safely affirmed that gold is very generally distributed over the entire area of the Province of British Columbia, so much so that there is scarcely a stream of any importance in which at least ‘colours’ of gold may not be found, the enumeration of the principal discoveries of mining districts shows very clearly that most of these are situated along the systems of mountains and high plateaus which comprise the Purcell, Selkirk, Colorado, and Cariboo ranges, and the north-west continuation lying to the south-west of the Rocky Mountain range, properly so called, and parallel in direction with it.”

It may be truthfully said that the whole Province has been proved worthy of systematic examination, or “prospecting” as it is usually termed. As yet, serious work of this description has been confined to within a comparatively few miles of the railways, and not more than 25 per cent. of the entire area of British Columbia can be said to be really known, while not even half of that portion has been examined closely or in detail, by which means only will its value be shown.

It will thus be seen that about 250,000 square miles of country, known to be extensively mineralized, still remain as a virgin field for the “prospector” \* and for the investor in undeveloped “prospects,” \* a field such as exists to-day in but few other places in the world.

Of what value this great area is likely to prove can best be judged by an examination of the results already obtained from the small portion of the Province so far developed, results which are shown in the tables of production which follow.

It may reasonably be asked why development of these mineral resources has been so long delayed. The answer is easily found in the geographic position of the country and in the lack, until recent years, of transportation facilities. The metal as well as the money markets of the world are in Europe and on the Atlantic coast of North America, and since, prior to the

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\* The terms “prospector,” “prospect,” are applied, the former to one who sets out with the object of exploring for mineral, and the latter to the discovery made, which may or may not be afterwards developed into a mine.



completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885, a journey to British Columbia was a question of months of time and great expense, it may well be seen that the transportation of mineral or metal, other than the precious metals, from this Province to a market was practically impossible.

The following brief outline of the mineral development of British Columbia may not be out of place:—

Naturally the country was first explored and opened up from the Pacific seaboard. As early as 1835 coal was discovered at Fort Rupert by the Hudson's Bay Co., and in 1851 the same company opened up the extensive coalfields at Nanaimo, Vancouver  
**Coal.** Island. In those days the market was very limited, and it was not until 1875 that the output of the Province exceeded 100,000 tons per annum. Since that time, however, the market has gradually increased until, in 1902, about 1,400,000 tons of coal and 128,000 tons of coke, and in 1910 some 2,800,046 tons of coal and 218,029 tons of coke was produced, the market and transportation facilities, rather than the mines, being the limiting factors in the production.

In 1914 the production of coal was 1,810,967 tons (2,240 lb.) and of coke 234,577 tons, this diminution of the output being accounted for by the fact that the inland collieries had to materially reduce their output, owing to conditions arising from the European war. The Coast collieries also made a slightly smaller output than in the previous year.

The Coast collieries have produced to date a total of over 26,000,000 tons of coal, and made a gross output during the year 1914 of 1,211,245 tons of coal; no coke being manufactured.

Within the past eighteen years one of the coalfields on the western slope of the Rocky mountains has been made accessible by two railways, and made in 1913 a net output of 898,448 tons of coal and 286,045 tons of coke, but in 1914, owing to the effects of the war, the net output of coal dropped to 599,722 tons and 234,577 tons of coke.

At present the only large working collieries in the Province are in the two districts just mentioned, but the distribution of coal seems general throughout the Province, since it is known to exist in places along the whole western slope of the Rocky mountains; it is found in the interior valleys at Nicola and Princeton, on the Thompson river, in Peace River District, and in the Omineca District—a coalfield is being developed on the headwaters of the Skeena, the coal being anthracitic in character. Coal occurs on the Pacific coast on Vancouver Island, on the Queen Charlotte islands, and along the Skeena river, while recent reports confirm its discovery in the Atlin Mining Division; the coal found is a first-class bituminous, carrying from 60 to 75 per cent. of fixed carbon, from 20 to 30 per cent. of volatile combustible matter, and from 3 to 9 per cent. of ash.

The coal reserves of the Province have been estimated by the Geological Survey as amounting to seventy-five billion metric tons.

As will be seen, the greater part of this immense reserve of power—for coal is power—remains dormant at present, an asset reserved for use in opening up the coming trade of the Pacific ocean.

In 1858 alluvial or “placer” gold was found in British Columbia in the bars of the lower Fraser river. Hardy and adventurous prospectors followed the stream up—following the golden trail thus “struck”—and, in 1860 and 1861, on the headwaters of the  
**Placer-mining.** river, they discovered the exceedingly rich “placers” of the Cariboo District, which have produced gold to the value of about \$50,000,000.

The news of these rich finds travelled abroad, and brought about a rush of gold-seekers from the then failing goldfields, of California and from almost every part of the world. From this time practically dates the opening-up and settlement of British Columbia.

Within the next ten years the Province produced about \$33,000,000 worth of "placer" gold, the greatest production in any one year being in 1863, and amounting to about \$4,000,000. All of this gold was obtained with pick and shovel, without the aid of any machinery, which, as a matter of fact, could not be taken into the country over the crude trails and roads which served well enough for the pack animals of the early miners and prospectors.

As has been the history of all placer-mining camps, a few years saw all the more accessible gold skimmed from the shallow deposits, until, gradually, as the workings became too deep for the ordinary pick-and-shovel methods, then only available, the placer output gradually dropped until in 1898, the annual production was only a little over half a million dollars.

In 1899, however, placer-mining was revived by the discovery of new and virgin fields in the Atlin District, a continuation to the north of the famous Cariboo and Omineca diggings of the past, and the connecting link between these and the more recent, but equally famous, goldfields of the Yukon, thus completing the chain of continuous "placer" districts from the 49th parallel, north-westerly, to the 69th parallel.

Fort Steele, Revelstoke, the valley of the Fraser river, Quesnel Forks, Barkerville, Manson, Telegraph Creek, and Atlin may be said to have been centres of known "placer" goldfields, pointing with no uncertain finger to the Yukon, and indicating a flow of gold bearing wash from the north-western to the south-eastern corner of the Province.

In the vast area covered by this flow, the places mentioned are only spots at which gold has been found in sufficient quantity to be profitably mined by the old pick-and-shovel methods. That other such spots remain to be discovered seems probable, while it is certain that, in a large percentage of the intervening areas, gold exists in quantity such as it will pay well to mine by modern methods.

A continued falling-off in the production of placer gold might have been expected in the year 1900, had it not been that machinery and water-power were beginning to be substituted for the laborious methods of the early miner, a change rendered possible by the improvement in transportation facilities.

The modern methods of working placer deposits demand a heavy initial outlay for plant, but a large number of powerful companies are now engaged in British Columbia in installing the necessary machinery and equipment, with such prospects of success that the old placer grounds promise, under the stimulus of hydraulic mining, to yield an output of gold not previously attained in the palmiest days of placer-mining proper.

The new hydraulic companies referred to have taken up a large number of leases of placer ground in the Province, but this branch of the mining industry is, at present, only in its infancy in British Columbia.

Such briefly, is the history of placer-gold mining in the Province; that it is only the beginning of such, the improved methods of mining, and the new districts each year becoming accessible, leave little reason for doubt.

The total production of placer gold to date is about \$73,269,603.

It is only the repetition of the history of all placer-mining countries that prospecting for lode mines received little or no attention until after the placer grounds have been so culled over as to force the prospector into new fields of labour. Nor is this to be

**Lode-mining.** wondered at; the placer is the "poor man's mine"; he needs little or no capital to work it; its product is cash, to all intents and purposes, and he is his own master—all attractions too great for the sturdy independence of the prospector to allow him to think of searching for lode mines, which, when found, require so much capital to work that they leave but very small interest in the property with the original owner or "locator,"

while, at the same time, the necessity of transportation facilities for the product of the mine, limits the field of search to within a comparatively few miles of a railway or navigable waterway.

Railway facilities are comparatively recent acquisitions in British Columbia, our first line—the Canadian Pacific Railway—having been completed in 1885, and following, naturally the least mountainous path across the Province. From the main artery of communication thus afforded, “prospectors” penetrated into the adjacent country by following up the main waterways which abound, with the result that discovery after discovery of valuable mineral was recorded.

Development of these mineral discoveries was unavoidably slow, being delayed by the lack of transportation facilities, which, it will be readily understood, could not be obtained until sufficient work had been done on the “prospects” found to prove their value and to give reasonable ground for believing that a proper and sufficient return would be obtained on the capital invested in the establishment of the requisite means of carriage and communication.

Thus, it was not until 1893 that the lode mines of British Columbia really began to be productive, the output from this source during the six years immediately prior to that date amounting to an average value of only about \$60,000 a year, derived from selected rich ores found near the existing lines of transportation.

In 1893, however, the value of the production of the lode mines of the Province rose to \$300,000, since which time there has been a steady increase, until in 1901 the output from this class of mining had reached a value of \$13,683,044, and although it fell off slightly in 1902, the decrease was due principally to the lesser market values prevailing; since 1903 an upward tendency is again apparent. The increase thus shown in the short period of a decade gives ground for faith in the country as a future large producer of mineral wealth, and indicates that British Columbia will prove to the capitalist a profitable field for investment.

The total production of lode gold to date is \$81,595,516 of which \$5,109,004 was produced in 1914.

Such, then, is a brief summary of our mineral development, the details of which will be more fully found in the statistical tables following, which are taken from the Report of the Minister of Mines, and are compiled by the Provincial Mineralogist from the sworn statements of returns by the mine-owners and mining companies throughout the Province.

Attention is invited to these statistics and to the growth of the mining industry as therein indicated, since they speak both clearly and with due authority of the present standing and future prospects of British Columbia as a mining country.

The development of the mining industry has been of such rapid growth that the demand for skilled, or even ordinary, labour has of late years been greatly in excess of the supply, and there is, consequently, plenty of work to be found in the country for miners and mine-workers generally, and the attention of British miners is directed to this field of labour.

The country is fairly well supplied with clerical and office assistance, and there is at present a fair supply of tradesmen of almost every sort. The country is great and growing in importance: there is room for and need of a greatly increased population.

The current wages paid in and about the mines are as follows:—

Miners	receive from	\$3.30 to \$4.50	per day	(14 to 19 shillings).
Helpers	"	2.50 " 3.50	"	(10 to 14 " ).
Labourers	"	2.50 " 3.00	"	(10 to 12 " ).
Blacksmiths and mechanics	"	3.50 " 5.00	"	(14 to 20 " ).

The climate of the country is favourable—much milder than east of the Rocky mountains. The conditions of life are easy; luxuries are scarce but want is unknown. The laws are just and equitable, and the administration thereof fair and sure, as is guaranteed wherever the British flag flies at the mast-head.





Silver-lead Ores and Mill Products—Kootenay District, British Columbia,  
Panama-Pacific Exposition.



Ores from British Columbia Mines and Products of Smelter operated by Consolidated  
Mining and Smelting Co.—Trail, British Columbia,  
Panama-Pacific Exposition.



Mention has been made of the geographical position of British Columbia as having in the past been a hindrance to development. It would now seem, however, that the markets of the world may in the future be on the borders of the Pacific ocean, and that the disadvantages in the matter of freights from which this Province has suffered will be reversed, enabling us to more than compete with all in the coming trade.

The markets for our mineral wealth have, in the past, been on the Atlantic seaboard; in the near future they may be on the Pacific coast. We shall, too, shortly, have our own refineries within the boundaries of the Province, so that our metals shall be turned out in marketable shape and sold from here direct, thus making a material saving as regards freight.

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## SYNOPSIS OF MINING BY-LAWS OF B.C.

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The mining laws of British Columbia are very liberal in their nature and compare favourably with those of any other part of the world. The terms under which both lode and placer claims are held are such that a prospector is greatly encouraged in his work, and the titles, especially for mineral claims and hydraulic leases, are absolutely perfect. The fees required to be paid are as small as possible, consistent with a proper administration of the mining industry, and are much lower than those of the other provinces of Canada or the mineral lands under Dominion control. Provision is also made for the formation of mining partnerships practically without expense, and a party of miners is enabled to take advantage of these sections of the Acts and work their claims together, without the trouble or expense of forming a joint-stock company.

Considering the success that has characterized alluvial mining on a large scale in British Columbia, the rentals for hydraulic leases are particularly low. It will be found on reference to most of the Australian colonies and Natal that the rentals are, in most instances, eight times as much as in this Province, while the areas permitted are generally much smaller. The period for which leases are granted is practically the same. On a lode mine of 51 acres the expenditure of \$500 in work, which may be spread over five years, is required to obtain a Crown grant, and surface rights are obtainable at a small figure, in no case exceeding \$5 per acre.

The following synopsis of the mining laws will be found sufficient to enable the miner or intending investor to obtain a general knowledge of their scope and requirements; for particulars, however, the reader is referred to the complete Mining Acts, which may be obtained from the King's Printer, Victoria, B.C.

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### Free Miners' Certificates.

Any person over the age of eighteen, and any joint-stock company, may obtain a Free Miner's Certificate on payment of the required fee.

The fee to an individual for a Free Miners's Certificate is \$5 for one year. To a joint-stock company having a capital of \$100,000, or less, the fee for a year is \$50; if capitalized beyond this, the fee is \$100.



The Free Miners' Certificates all expire at midnight on the 31st of May in each year. Certificates may be obtained for any part of a year, terminating on the 31st of May, for a proportionally less fee.

The possession of this certificate entitles the holder to enter upon all lands of the Crown, or upon any other lands on which the right to so enter is not specially reserved, and to prospect for minerals, locate claims, and mine.

A free miner can only hold, by location, one mineral claim on the same vein or lode, but may acquire others by purchase. In the case of placer claims, only one claim can be held by location on each creek, ravine, or hill, and not more than two in the same locality, only one of which shall be a "creek" claim.

In the event of a free miner allowing his certificate to lapse, his mining property (if not Crown-granted) reverts to the Crown, but where other free miners are interested as partners or co-owners the interest of the defaulter becomes vested in the company continuing co-owners or partners *pro rata*, according to their interests.

It is not necessary for a shareholder, as such, in an incorporated mining company to be the holder of a Free Miner's Certificate.

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### Mineral Claims.

Mineral claims are located and held under the provisions of the "Mineral Act."

A mineral claim is a rectangular piece of ground not exceeding 1,500 feet square. The angles must be all right angles unless the boundaries, or one of them, are the same as those of a previously recorded claim.

No special privileges are allowed for the discovery of new mineral claims or districts.

A mineral claim is located by erecting three "legal posts," which are stakes having a height of not less than 4 feet above ground and squared for 4 inches at least on each face for not less than a foot from the top. A tree-stump so cut and squared also constitutes a legal post.

The "discovery post" is placed at the point where the mineral in place is discovered.

Nos. 1 and 2 posts are placed as near as possible on the line of the ledge or vein, shown by the discovery post, and mark the boundaries of the claim. Upon each of these three posts must be written the name of the claim, the name of the locator, and the date of location. On No. 1 post, in addition, the following must be written: "Initial post. Direction of Post No. 2 [*giving approximate compass bearing*]; — feet of this claim lie on the right, and — feet on the left of the line from No. 1 to No. 2 posts."

The location line between Nos. 1 and 2 posts must be distinctly marked—in a timbered locality by blazing trees and cutting underbrush, and in bare country by monuments of earth or rock not less than 2 feet in diameter at the base, and at least 2 feet high—so that the line can be distinctly seen.

Mineral claims must be recorded in the Mining Recorder's office for the mining division in which they are situated within fifteen days from the date of location, one day extra being allowed for each ten miles of distance from the recording office after the first ten miles. If a claim is not recorded in time it is deemed abandoned and open for relocation, but if the original locator wishes to relocate he can only do so by permission of the Gold Commissioner of the district and upon the payment of a fee of \$10. This applies also to a claim abandoned for any reason whatever.

Mineral claims are, until the Crown grant is issued, held practically on a yearly lease, a condition of which is that during such year assessment-work be performed on the same to the value of at least \$100, or payment of such sum be made to the Mining Recorder. Such assessments must be recorded before the expiration of the year or the claim is deemed abandoned. If, however, the required assessment-work has been performed within the year, but not recorded within that time, a free miner may within thirty days thereafter record such assessment-work upon payment of an additional fee of \$10. The actual cost of the survey of a mineral claim, to an amount not exceeding \$100, may also be recorded as assessment-work. If, during any year, work is done to a greater extent than the required \$100, any further sum of \$100—but not less—may be recorded and counted as further assessments. As soon as assessment-work to the extent of \$500 is recorded, the owner of a mineral claim is entitled to a Crown grant on payment of a fee of \$25, and giving the necessary notices required by the Act. Liberal provisions are also made in the Act for obtaining mill-sites and other facilities in the way of tunnels and drains for the better working of claims.

### Placer Claims.

Placer-mining is governed by the “Placer-mining Act,” and by the interpretation clause its scope is defined as “the mining of any natural stratum or bed of earth, gravel, or cement mined for gold or other precious minerals or stones.” Placer claims are of four classes, as follows:—

“‘Creek diggings’: any mine in the bed of any stream or ravine:

“‘Bar diggings’: any mine between high- and low-water marks on a river, lake, or other large body of water:

“‘Dry diggings’: any mine over which water never extends:

“‘Precious-stone diggings’: any deposit of precious stones, whether in veins, beds, or gravel deposits.”

The following provisions as to extent of the various classes of claims are made by the Act:—

“In ‘creek diggings’ a claim shall be two hundred and fifty feet long, measured in the direction of the general course of the stream, and shall extend in width one thousand feet, measured from the general course of the stream five hundred feet on either side of the centre thereof:

“In ‘bar diggings’ a claim shall be:—

“(a.) A piece of land not exceeding two hundred and fifty feet square on any bar which is covered at high water; or

“(b.) A strip of land two hundred and fifty feet long at high-water mark, and in width extending from high-water mark to extreme low-water mark:

“In ‘dry diggings’ a claim shall be two hundred and fifty feet square.”

The following provision is made for new discoveries of placer mining ground:—

“If any free miner, or party of free miners, discovers a new locality for the prosecution of placer-mining and such discovery be established to the satisfaction of the Gold Commissioner, placer claims of the following sizes shall be allowed to such discoverers, viz.:—

“To one discoverer, one claim..... 600 feet in length;

“To a party of two discoverers, two claims amounting together to . . 1,000 feet in length;

“And to each member of a party beyond two in number, a claim of the ordinary size only.

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“The width of such claims shall be the same as ordinary placer claims of the same class: Provided that where a discovery claim has been established in any locality no further discovery shall be allowed within five miles therefrom, measured along the watercourses.”

Every placer claim shall be as nearly as possible rectangular in form, and marked by four legal posts at the corners thereof, firmly fixed in the ground. On each of such posts shall be written the name of the locator, the number and date of issue of his free miner's certificate, the date of the location, and the name given to the claim. In timbered localities all boundary-lines of a placer claim shall be blazed so that the posts can be distinctly seen, underbrush cut, and the locator shall also erect legal posts not more than 125 feet apart on all boundary lines. In localities where there is no timber or underbrush, monuments of earth and rock, not less than 2 feet high and 2 feet in diameter at base, may be erected in lieu of the last-mentioned legal posts, but not in the case of the four legal posts marking the corners of the claim.

A placer claim must be recorded in the office of the Mining Recorder for the mining division within which the same is situate, within fifteen days after the location thereof, if located within ten miles of the office of the Mining Recorder by the most direct means of travel. One additional day shall be allowed for every ten miles additional or fraction thereof. The number of days shall be counted inclusive of the day upon which such location was made, but exclusive of the day of application for record. The application for such record shall be under oath and in the form set out in the Schedule to the Act. A claim which shall not have been recorded within the prescribed period shall be deemed to have been abandoned.

To hold a placer claim for more than one year it must be re-recorded before the expiration of the record or re-record.

A placer claim must be worked by the owner, or some one on his behalf, continuously, as far as practicable, during working hours. If work is discontinued for a period of seventy-two hours, except during the close season, lay-over, leave of absence, sickness, or for some other reason to the satisfaction of the Gold Commissioner, the claim is deemed abandoned.

Lay-overs are declared by the Gold Commissioner upon proof being given to him that the supply of water is insufficient to work the claim. Under similar circumstances he has also the power to declare a close season, by a notice in writing and published in the Gazette, for all or any claims in his district. Tunnel and drain licences are also granted by him on the person applying giving security for any damage that may arise. Grants of right-of-way for the construction of tunnels or drains across other claims are also granted on payment of a fee of \$25, the owner of the claim crossed having the right for tolls, etc., on the tunnel or drain which may be constructed. These tolls, however, are, so far as the amount goes, under the discretion of the Gold Commissioner.

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### Co-owners and Partnerships

In both the “Mineral” and “Placer-mining” Acts provision is made for the formation of mining partnerships, both of a general and limited liability character. These are extensively taken advantage of and have proved very satisfactory in their working. Should a co-owner fail or refuse to contribute his proportion of the expenditure required as assessment work on a claim he may be “advertised out,” and his interest in the claim shall become vested in his co-owners who have made the required expenditure, *pro rata* according to their former interests. It should not be forgotten that if any co-owner permit his free miner's certificate to lapse, the title of his associates is not prejudiced, but his interest reverts to the remaining co-owners.

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### Hydraulic and Dredging Leases.

Leases of unoccupied Crown lands may be granted by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council upon recommendation of the Gold Commissioner of the district, after location, by placing a legal post at each corner of the ground applied for. On the post nearest the placer ground then being worked the locator must post a notice stating the name of the applicant, the location of the ground to be acquired, the quantity of ground, and the term for which the lease is to be applied for. Within thirty days application must be made in writing to the Gold Commissioner, in duplicate, with a plan of the ground on the back, and the application must contain the name of each applicant, the number of each applicant's free miner's certificate, the locality of the ground, the quantity of ground, the terms of the lease desired, and the rent proposed to be paid. A sum of \$20 must accompany the application, which is returned if the application is not granted. The term of leases must not exceed twenty years. The extent of ground covered by leases is not in excess of the following: Creek—half a mile; hydraulic diggings—80 acres; for dredging leases—5 miles; precious stone diggings—10 acres. Under Order in Council, the minimum rental for a creek lease is \$75 per annum, and for a hydraulic lease \$50 per annum, with a condition that at least \$1,000 per annum shall be spent in development. For dredging leases the usual rental is \$50 per mile per annum; development-work worth \$1,000 per mile per annum must be done.

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### Taxation of Mines.

Mineral or placer claims, when Crown-granted, are subject to a tax of 25 cents per acre, payable on the 30th June annually, but if \$200 is spent in work in the year preceding that date, this tax is not levied. A tax of 2 per cent. is levied quarterly on all ores and other mineral substances mined in the Province, based upon the net value of such ore at the mouth of the shaft or tunnel, but where ore-producing mines produce under \$5,000 in a year half the tax is refunded, while placer or dredging mines that do not produce a gross value of \$2,000 in a year are entitled to a refund of the whole tax. These taxes are in substitution for all taxes on the land and for the taxes upon the personal property used in, or the income derived from a working of the mines, so long as the land is only used for mining purposes. By the "Land Act," a royalty of 50 cents per M., board-measure, is levied on timber suitable for mining-props, a cord of props being considered as 1,000 feet board-measure.

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### Coal and Petroleum Prospecting Licences.

Any person desiring to prospect for coal, petroleum, or natural gas upon any unreserved lands held by the Crown may acquire a licence to do so over a rectangular block of land not exceeding 640 acres, of which the boundaries shall run due north and south and east and west, and no side shall exceed 80 chains (one mile) in length. Before entering into possession of the said land he shall place at the corner of such block a legal stake, or initial post, and shall inscribe thereon his name and the angle represented by such post, thus: "A. B.'s N.E. corner," or as the case may be, and shall keep posted for 30 days in a conspicuous place upon the said land, and also on the Government office of the district, as well as publishing it in the B.C. Gazette and in a local newspaper for a like period, a notice of his intention to apply for such prospecting licence.

The application for said licence shall be in writing, in duplicate, and shall contain the best written description possible, with a diagram of the land sought to be acquired, and shall be accompanied with a fee of \$100. The application shall be made to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for the district, and by him forwarded to the Minister of Lands, who shall grant

such licence—provided no valid protest is substantiated—for a period not to exceed one year, and at the expiration of the first year an extension of such licence may be granted for a second or third year.

Should the licensee discover coal, petroleum, or natural gas upon such land during the period of his licence, and produce satisfactory evidence, under oath, of the fact, he may obtain from the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, after having had the land properly surveyed, a lease of the said block for a term of five years, at an annual rental of 15 cents an acre, and such lease may be renewed for a further period of three years, upon the payment of a renewal fee of \$100, for each parcel of 640 acres of land; and if during the term of such lease, or within three months thereafter, he can show conclusively that he has continuously and vigorously prosecuted the work of coal or petroleum mining, and has fully carried out the terms of such lease, he shall be entitled to purchase the said lands, including the coal, petroleum, or natural gas thereunder, at the rate of \$20 an acre, or in the event of the surface rights having been alienated from the Government, he can purchase the coal, petroleum, or natural gas underlying such lands at the rate of \$15 an acre: Provided also that, in addition to the rental or purchase price, there shall be paid to the Government as a royalty 2½ cents a barrel (35 Imp. gallons) of crude petroleum raised or gotten from such land. (See chap. 159, Revised Statutes, 1911, and chap. 44, 1913.)

Mining Recorders in Outlying Districts.

Where mineral is discovered in a part of the province remote from Mining Recorders' offices, so that the provisions of the Act cannot be justly enforced, the miners themselves may, by a two-thirds vote at a meeting for that purpose, appoint a Mining Recorder from among themselves. Such Recorder can issue free miners' certificates, records of mining property, etc., and such entries will be valid notwithstanding any informality. Under the Act such Mining Recorder shall, as soon as possible, forward a list of the free miner's certificates issued by him, and of records made, to the nearest Gold Commissioner or Mining Recorder, together with the fees required by law therefor.

Table of Fees.

Individual Free Miner's Certificate .....	\$ 5 00
Company Free Miner's Certificate (capital, \$100,000 or less) .....	50 00
" " (over \$100,000) .....	100 00
Recording Mineral or Placer Claim .....	2 50
Recording Certificate of Work, Mineral Claim .....	2 50
Re-record of Placer Claim .....	2 50
Recording Lay-over .....	2 50
Recording Abandonment, Mineral Claim .....	10 00
Recording Abandonment, Placer Claim .....	2 50
Recording any affidavit under three folios .....	2 50
Per folio, over three, in addition .....	30
Records in "Record of Conveyances," same as Affidavits .....	
Filing Documents .....	1 00
For Crown grant of Mineral Rights under "Mineral Act" .....	25 00
For Crown grant of Surface Rights of Mineral Claim under "Mineral Act" .....	10 00
For every lease under "Placer-mining Act" .....	5 00

# MINERAL PRODUCTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

## METHOD OF COMPUTING PRODUCTION.

In assembling the output of the lode mines in the following tables, the established custom of this Bureau has been adhered to, viz. : The output of a mine for the year is considered that amount of ore for which the smelter or mill returns have been received during the year. This system does not give the exact amount mined during the year, but rather the amount credited to the mine on the company's books during such year.

For ore shipped in December the smelter returns are not likely to be received until February in the new year, or later, and have, consequently, to be carried over to the credit of such new year. This plan, however, will be found very approximate for each year, and ultimately correct, as ore not credited in one year is credited in the next.

In the lode mines tables, the amount of the shipments has been obtained from certified returns received from the various mines, as provided for in the "Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, 1897." In calculating the value of the products, the average prices for the year in the New York Metal Market have been used as a basis. For silver 95 per cent., for lead 90 per cent., and for zinc 85 per cent. of such market prices have been taken. Treatment and other charges have not been deducted, except that in copper the amount of metal actually recovered has been taken, thus covering loss in slags.

TABLE I.—TOTAL PRODUCTION FOR ALL YEARS UP TO AND INCLUDING 1914.

Gold, placer .....	\$ 73,269,603
Gold, lode .....	81,595,516
Silver .....	37,709,282
Lead ..	31,468,462
Copper .....	86,939,370
Coal and coke .....	149,814,462
Building-stone, bricks, etc. ....	23,827,101
Other metals, zinc, etc. ....	2,198,949
Total ..	\$486,822,745

TABLE II.—PRODUCTION FOR EACH YEAR FROM 1852 TO 1913 (INCLUSIVE).

1852 to 1892 (inclusive) .....	\$ 81,090,069
1893 .....	3,588,413
1894 .....	4,225,717
1895 .....	5,643,042
1896 .....	7,507,956
1897 .....	10,455,268
1898 .....	10,906,861
1899 .....	12,393,131
1900 .....	16,344,751
1901 .....	20,086,780
1902 .....	17,486,550
1903 .....	17,495,954
1904 .....	18,977,359
1905 .....	22,461,325
1906 .....	24,980,546
1907 .....	25,882,560
1908 .....	23,851,277
1909 .....	24,443,025
1910 .....	26,377,066
1911 .....	23,499,072
1912 .....	32,440,800
1913 .....	30,296,398
1914 .....	26,388,825
Total ..	\$486,822,745



Table III. gives a statement in detail of the quantities and value of the different mineral products for the years 1912, 1913, and 1914. It has been impossible as yet to collect complete statistics regarding building-stone, lime, bricks, tiles, and other miscellaneous products, but such figures as it has been possible to secure are given in some detail in Table V.

TABLE III.  
QUANTITIES AND VALUE OF MINERAL PRODUCTS FOR 1912, 1913, AND 1914.

	Customary Measure.	1912.		1913.		1914.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Gold, placer.....	Ounces.....	.....	\$ 555,500	.....	\$ 510,900	.....	\$ 565,000
" lode.....	" .....	257,496	5,322,442	272,254	5,627,490	247,170	5,109,004
Silver.....	" .....	3,132,108	1,810,045	3,465,856	1,968,606	3,602,180	1,876,736
Lead.....	Pounds.....	44,871,454	1,805,627	55,364,677	2,175,832	50,625,048	1,771,877
Copper.....	" .....	51,456,537	8,408,513	46,460,305	7,094,489	45,009,699	6,121,319
Zinc.....	" .....	5,358,280	316,139	6,758,768	324,421	7,866,467	346,125
Coal.....	Tons,2,240 lb.	2,628,804	9,200,814	2,137,483	7,481,190	1,810,967	6,338,385
Coke.....	" .....	264,333	1,585,998	286,045	1,716,270	234,577	1,407,462
Miscellaneous products.....	" .....	.....	3,435,722	.....	3,398,100	.....	2,852,917
		\$32,440,800		\$30,296,398		\$26,388,825	

TABLE IV.  
OUTPUT OF MINERAL PRODUCTS BY DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS.

NAMES.	DIVISIONS.			DISTRICTS.		
	1912.	1913.	1914.	1912.	1913.	1914.
CARIBOO DISTRICT.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 268,000	\$ 226,024	\$ 308,807
Cariboo Mining Division.....	\$ 180,000	\$ 131,000	\$ 166,500	.....	.....	.....
Quesnel ".....	80,000	55,000	37,000	.....	.....	.....
Omineca ".....	8,000	40,024	105,307	.....	.....	.....
CASSIAR DISTRICT.....	.....	.....	.....	467,579	412,748	2,079,177
EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT..	.....	.....	.....	5,723,004	5,947,935	4,703,672
WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.....	.....	.....	.....	6,165,255	7,092,107	6,311,205
Ainsworth Division.....	371,760	627,150	471,534	.....	.....	.....
Slocan and Slocan City ".....	1,951,315	2,258,309	1,780,936	.....	.....	.....
Nelson ".....	581,700	863,966	579,563	.....	.....	.....
Trail Creek ".....	3,214,751	3,305,771	3,456,610	.....	.....	.....
Other parts.....	45,729	36,911	22,562	.....	.....	.....
BOUNDARY DISTRICT.....	.....	.....	.....	8,716,406	7,925,336	4,867,029
Osoyoos, Grand Forks & Greenwood Divisions.....	7,903,006	6,833,902	4,270,744	.....	.....	.....
Similkameen, Nicola, Vernon..	748,900	1,019,340	533,991	.....	.....	.....
Yale, Ashcroft, Kamloops.....	64,500	72,094	62,294	.....	.....	.....
LILLOOET DISTRICT.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000	71,445	38,978
COAST DISTRICTS (Nanaimo, Alberni, Clayoquot, Quatsino, Victoria, Vancouver).....	.....	.....	.....	11,095,556	8,620,803	8,079,957
		\$32,440,800		\$30,296,398		\$26,388,825





Ores from Skeena and Portland Canal Mining Divisions—British Columbia,  
Panama-Pacific Exposition.



Gold-copper-silver Ores from Texada Island—British Columbia,  
Panama-Pacific Exposition.



TABLE V.  
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS AND TOTALS OF PRODUCTION, 1914.

DISTRICT AND DIVISION.	DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.										SUMMARY OF TOTALS OF PRODUCTION.				
	Cement.	Lime and Limestone.	Building-stone.	Riprap.	Crushed Rock.	Sand and Gravel.	Pottery and Tile.	Red Brick.	Fire, Face, Silica Brick.	Clay, Gypsum, etc.	Total Miscellaneous Products.	Total Output of Collieries.	Total of Metallic Mines.	Totals for Divisions.	Totals for Districts.
CARIBOO															
Cariboo					500	1,000					1,500		165,000	166,500	308,807
Quesnel					1,000	1,000					2,000		35,000	37,000	
Omineca				10,000	1,500	1,000					12,500		92,807	105,307	
CASSIAR															
Atlin															
Liard-Stikine															
Skeena, Portland C		5,000	22,000	5,000	6,600	9,000		25,000			72,600		1,663,907	1,736,507	
Queen Charlotte															
EAST KOOTENAY															
Fort Steele			5,000		9,000	15,000			6,600		35,600	3,506,489	1,127,583	4,669,672	4,703,672
Windermere-Golden			4,000	5,000	10,000	15,000					34,000			34,000	
WEST KOOTENAY															
Ainsworth					2,000	1,000					3,000		468,534	471,534	
Slocan & Slocan City					2,000	1,000					3,000		1,777,936	1,780,936	
Nelson		3,000	7,500	2,000	5,000	3,000					20,500		559,063	579,563	
Trail Creek		3,000			2,000	1,000		1,200	200		7,400		3,449,210	3,456,610	
Other Divisions					6,000	4,000					10,000		12,562	22,562	
YALE															
Grand Forks															
Greenwood		55,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	12,000		2,000			99,000		4,171,744	4,270,744	
Osoyoos															
Similkameen															
Nicola		2,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	12,000					44,000	486,259	3,732	533,991	
Vernon															
Yale		2,000	5,000	5,000	13,000	12,000		20,000			57,000		5,294	62,294	
Ashcroft															
Kamloops															
LILLOOET	861,756	72,311	85,389	637,435	18,000	8,000	152,914	115,099	107,904	8,088	2,419,817	3,753,099	1,907,041	38,978	38,978
COAST DISTRICT	861,756	142,311	148,889	679,435	173,241	408,280	152,914	163,299	114,704	8,088	2,852,917	7,745,847	15,790,061	26,388,825	26,388,825



TABLE VI.—PLACER GOLD.

Table VI. contains the yearly production of placer gold to date, as determined by the returns, sent in by the banks and express companies, of gold transmitted by them to the mints, and from returns sent in by the Gold Commissioners and Mining Recorders. To these yearly amounts one-third was added up to the year 1878 ; from then to 1895 and from 1898 to 1909, one-fifth ; and since then one-tenth, which proportions are considered to represent, approximately, the amount of gold sold of which there is no record. This placer gold contains from 10 to 25 per cent. silver, but the silver value has not been separated from the totals, as it would be insignificant.

YIELD OF PLACER GOLD PER YEAR TO DATE.

1858.....	\$ 705,000	1873.....	\$ 1,305,749	1888.....	\$ 616,731	1903.....	\$ 1,060,420
1859.....	1,615,070	1874.....	1,844,618	1889.....	588,923	1904.....	1,115,300
1860.....	2,228,543	1875.....	2,474,004	1890.....	490,435	1905.....	969,300
1861.....	2,666,118	1876.....	1,786,648	1891.....	429,811	1906.....	948,400
1862.....	2,656,903	1877.....	1,608,182	1892.....	399,526	1907.....	828,000
1863.....	3,913,563	1878.....	1,275,204	1893.....	356,131	1908.....	647,000
1864.....	3,735,850	1879.....	1,290,058	1894.....	405,516	1909.....	477,000
1865.....	3,491,205	1880.....	1,013,827	1895.....	481,683	1910.....	540,000
1866.....	2,662,106	1881.....	1,046,737	1896.....	544,026	1911.....	426,000
1867.....	2,480,868	1882.....	954,085	1897.....	513,520	1912.....	555,500
1868.....	3,372,972	1883.....	794,252	1898.....	643,346	1913.....	510,000
1869.....	1,774,978	1884.....	736,165	1899.....	1,344,900	1914.....	565,000
1870.....	1,336,956	1885.....	713,738	1900.....	1,278,724		
1871.....	1,799,440	1886.....	903,651	1901.....	970,100		
1872.....	1,610,972	1887.....	693,709	1902.....	1,073,140		
				Total.....	\$73,269,603		

TABLE VII.—PRODUCTION OF LODE MINES.

YEAR.	GOLD.		SILVER.		LEAD.		COPPER.		ZINC.		TOTAL VALUE.
	Oz.	Value.	Oz.	Value.	Pounds.	Value.	Pounds.	Value.	Pounds.	Value.	
		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	\$
1887.....			17,690	17,331	204,800	9,216					26,547
1888.....			79,780	75,000	674,500	29,813					104,813
1889.....			53,192	47,873	165,100	6,498					54,371
1890.....			70,427	73,948	<i>Nil.</i>	<i>Nil.</i>					73,948
1891.....			4,500	4,000	<i>Nil.</i>	<i>Nil.</i>					4,000
1892.....			77,160	66,935	808,420	33,064					99,999
1893.....	1,170	23,404	227,000	195,000	2,135,023	78,996					297,400
1894.....	6,252	125,014	746,379	470,219	5,662,523	169,875	324,680	16,234			781,342
1895.....	39,264	785,271	1,496,522	977,229	16,475,464	532,255	952,840	47,642			2,342,397
1896.....	62,259	1,244,180	3,135,343	2,100,689	24,199,977	721,384	3,818,556	190,926			4,257,179
1897.....	106,141	2,122,820	5,472,971	3,272,836	38,841,135	1,390,517	5,325,180	266,258			7,052,431
1898.....	110,061	2,201,217	4,292,401	2,375,841	31,693,559	1,077,581	7,271,678	874,781			6,529,420
1899.....	138,315	2,857,573	2,939,413	1,663,708	21,862,436	878,870	7,722,591	1,351,453			6,751,604
1900.....	167,153	3,453,381	3,958,175	2,309,200	63,358,621	2,691,887	9,997,080	1,615,289			10,069,757
1901.....	210,384	4,348,603	5,151,333	2,884,745	51,582,906	2,002,733	27,603,746	4,446,963			13,683,044
1902.....	236,491	4,888,269	3,917,917	1,941,328	22,536,381	824,832	29,636,057	3,446,673			11,101,102
1903.....	232,831	4,812,616	2,996,204	1,521,472	18,089,283	689,744	34,359,921	4,547,535			11,571,367
1904.....	222,042	4,559,608	3,222,481	1,719,516	36,646,244	1,421,874	35,710,128	4,578,037			12,309,035
1905.....	238,660	4,933,102	3,439,417	1,971,818	56,580,703	2,399,022	37,692,251	5,876,222			15,180,164
1906.....	224,027	4,630,639	2,990,262	1,897,320	52,408,217	2,667,578	42,990,488	8,288,565			17,484,102
1907.....	196,179	4,055,020	2,745,448	1,703,825	47,738,703	2,291,458	40,832,720	8,166,544			16,216,847
1908.....	255,582	5,282,880	2,631,389	1,321,483	43,195,733	1,632,799	47,274,614	6,240,249			14,477,411
1909.....	238,224	4,924,090	2,532,742	1,239,270	44,396,346	1,709,259	45,597,245	5,918,522	8,500,000	400,000	14,191,141
1910.....	267,701	5,533,380	2,450,241	1,245,016	34,658,746	1,386,350	38,243,934	4,871,512	4,184,192	192,473	13,228,731
1911.....	228,617	4,725,513	1,892,364	958,293	26,872,397	1,069,521	36,927,656	4,571,644	2,634,544	129,092	11,454,063
1912.....	257,496	5,322,442	3,132,108	1,810,045	44,871,454	1,805,627	51,456,537	8,408,513	5,358,280	316,139	17,662,766
1913.....	272,254	5,627,490	3,465,856	1,968,606	55,364,677	2,175,832	46,400,305	7,094,489	6,758,768	324,421	17,190,838
1914.....	247,170	5,109,004	3,602,180	1,876,736	50,625,048	1,771,877	45,009,699	6,121,319	7,866,467	346,125	15,225,061
To'l.....	3,958,273	81,595,516	66,740,895	37,709,282	791,648,396	31,468,462	595,207,906	86,939,370	35,302,251	1,708,250	239,420,880



TABLE VIII.—COAL AND COKE PRODUCTION PER YEAR TO DATE.

COAL.		
Year.	Tons (2,240 lb.).	Value.
1836-1881.....	1,873,907.....	\$ 6,003,245
1882.....	282,139.....	846,417
1883.....	213,299.....	639,897
1884.....	394,070.....	1,182,210
1885.....	265,596.....	796,788
1886.....	326,636.....	979,908
1887.....	413,360.....	1,240,080
1888.....	489,301.....	1,467,903
1889.....	579,830.....	1,739,490
1890.....	678,140.....	2,034,420
1891.....	1,029,097.....	3,087,291
1892.....	826,335.....	2,479,005
1893.....	978,294.....	2,934,882
1894.....	1,012,953.....	3,038,859
1895.....	939,654.....	2,818,962
1896.....	896,222.....	2,688,666
1897.....	882,854.....	2,648,562
1898.....	1,135,865.....	3,407,595
1899.....	1,306,324.....	3,918,972
1900.....	1,439,595.....	4,318,785
1901.....	1,460,331.....	4,380,993
1902.....	1,397,394.....	4,192,182
1903.....	1,168,194.....	3,504,582
1904.....	1,253,628.....	3,760,884
1905.....	1,384,312.....	4,152,936
1906.....	1,517,303.....	4,551,909
1907.....	1,800,067.....	6,300,235
1908.....	1,677,849.....	5,872,472
1909.....	2,006,476.....	7,022,666
1910.....	2,800,046.....	9,800,161
1911.....	2,193,062.....	7,675,717
1912.....	2,628,804.....	9,200,814
1913.....	2,137,483.....	7,481,190
1914.....	1,810,967.....	6,338,385
Total.....	41,199,387	\$132,507,063
COKE.		
Year.	Tons (2,240 lb.).	Value.
1895-97.....	19,396.....	\$ 96,980
1898 (estimated).....	35,000.....	175,000
1899.....	34,251.....	171,255
1900.....	85,149.....	425,745
1901.....	127,081.....	635,405
1902.....	128,015.....	640,075
1903.....	165,543.....	827,715
1904.....	238,428.....	1,192,140
1905.....	271,785.....	1,358,925
1906.....	199,227.....	996,135
1907.....	222,913.....	1,337,478
1908.....	247,399.....	1,484,394
1909.....	258,703.....	1,552,218
1910.....	218,029.....	1,308,174
1911.....	66,005.....	396,030
1912.....	264,333.....	1,585,998
1913.....	286,045.....	1,716,270
1914.....	234,577.....	1,407,462
Total.....	3,101,869	\$17,307,399

TABLE IX.—PRODUCTION IN DETAIL OF THE

DISTRICT.	YEAR	TONS.	GOLD—PLACER.		GOLD—LODE.		SILVER.	
			Ounces.	Value.	Ounces.	Value.	Ounces.	Value.
				\$		\$		\$
Cariboo.....	1911		6,800	136,000				
Cariboo Division .....	1912		9,000	180,000				
	1913		6,550	131,000				
	1914		8,250	165,000				
Quesnel " .....	1911		1,700	34,000				
	1912		2,500	50,000				
	1913		1,500	30,000				
	1914		1,750	35,000				
Omineca " .....	1911		500	10,000				
	1912		400	8,000				
	1913	353	300	6,000	62	1,281	46,298	26,297
	1914	850	300	6,000	203	4,196	135,255	70,473
Cassiar .....	1911	38	11,250	225,000	3	62	2,653	1,343
Atlin Division .....	1912		14,500	290,000				
	1913	310	15,750	315,000	1,355	28,008		
	1914	270	16,100	322,000	1,000	20,670		
Liard, Stikine, Skeena, Queen Charlotte, Portland Canal Divisions.	1911	7,061	300	6,000	500	10,335	27,323	13,836
	1912	3,249	450	9,000	197	4,072	5,568	3,391
	1913	51	650	13,000	29	599	4,714	2,678
	1914	261,987	1,150	23,000	2,884	59,612	131,509	68,516
East Kootenay .....	1911	30,543	150	3,000			330,235	167,231
Fort Steele Division .....	1912	29,910	100	2,000			376,918	217,821
	1913	32,626	100	2,000			362,311	205,793
	1914	33,384	50	1,000			492,030	256,374
Windermere-Golden .....	1911							
	1912	20,400					7,405	4,279
	1913	10,000					4,756	2,701
	1914							
West Kootenay .....	1911	671			4	83	77,375	39,183
Ainsworth Division .....	1912	32,741			80	1,653	301,755	174,384
	1913	92,472			25	517	447,015	253,905
	1914	66,441			100	2,067	329,586	171,714
Slocan and Slocan City .....	1911	45,466			47	971	793,926	402,044
	1912	103,629			198	4,092	1,657,105	957,641
	1913	116,206			252	5,209	1,841,226	1,045,816
	1914	104,510			13	269	1,775,975	925,283
Nelson Division .....	1911	39,756	50	1,000	17,640	364,619	76,774	38,878
	1912	52,323	50	1,000	17,513	361,994	164,182	94,881
	1913	79,843	50	1,000	26,324	544,117	129,011	73,278
	1914	57,879			15,298	316,210	150,268	78,250
Trail Creek Division .....	1911	254,062			116,633	2,411,837	88,076	44,602
	1912	248,870			132,073	2,729,949	87,530	50,584
	1913	253,870			137,004	2,831,873	109,585	62,244
	1914	297,260			138,568	2,864,201	136,185	70,952
Revelstoke, Trout Lake and Lardeau .....	1911	746	100	2,000	57	1,178	67,824	34,376
	1912	451	225	4,500	89	1,840	43,536	25,159
	1913	546	100	2,000	54	1,116	23,397	13,289
	1914	149	100	2,000	8	165	11,295	5,835
Boundary .....	1911	1,244,819	50	1,000	87,745	1,813,690	326,849	165,517
(Grand Forks, Greenwood and Osoyoos Divisions.)	1912	1,980,084	50	1,000	104,849	2,167,229	389,341	225,000
	1913	1,844,795	50	1,000	101,195	2,091,701	394,048	223,819
	1914	1,093,229	50	1,000	84,908	1,775,043	347,981	181,238
Similkameen, Nicola, and Vernon Divisions .....	1911		50	1,000				
	1912		100	2,000				
	1913	54	150	3,000	1	20	335	190
	1914	150	150	3,000	35	724	15	8
Yale, Ashcroft and Kamloops Divisions. ....	1911	4,257	50	1,000	52	1,075	343	174
	1912		100	2,000				
	1913	557	100	2,000	25	517	126	72
	1914	279	150	3,000	14	289	57	30
Lillooet .....	1911	84	250	5,000	71	1,467		
Lillooet and Clinton Divisions .....	1912		250	5,000				
	1913	840	150	3,000	1,368	28,277	295	168
	1914	120	150	3,000	231	4,775	350	203
Coast .....	1911	143,252	50	1,000	5,815	120,196	100,926	51,109
(Nanaimo, Alberni, Clayoquot, Quat- sino, New Westminster, Vancouver, and Victoria Divisions.)	1912	212,875	50	1,000	2,497	51,613	98,468	56,905
	1913	231,286	50	1,000	4,560	94,255	102,739	58,356
	1914	256,463	50	1,000	3,908	80,778	91,574	47,710
TOTALS .....	1911	1,770,755	21,300	426,000	228,617	4,725,513	1,892,364	958,293
	1912	2,688,632	27,775	555,500	257,496	5,322,442	3,132,108	1,810,045
	1913	2,663,809	25,500	510,000	272,254	5,627,490	3,465,856	1,968,606
	1914	2,175,971	28,250	565,000	247,170	5,109,004	3,602,180	1,876,736

## METALLIFEROUS MINES, ETC., FOR 1911, 1912, 1913, AND 1914.

LEAD.		COPPER.		ZINC.		TOTALS FOR DIVISIONS.				TOTALS FOR DISTRICTS.
Pounds.	Value.	Pounds.	Value.	Pounds.	Value.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1914.
	\$		\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
						136,000				292,807
							180,000			
								131,000		
						34,000			165,000	
							50,000			
								30,000		
						10,000			35,000	
							8,000			
156,862	6,165	1,838	281					40,024		
323,482	11,322	6,000	816						92,807	2,006,577
		19,151	2,371			228,776				
							290,000			
								343,008		
									342,670	
238,578	9,495					39,666				
41,512	1,670	88,403	14,446				32,579			
6,579	259	1,336	204					16,740		
		11,123,376	1,512,779						1,663,907	1,127,583
17,158,069	682,891					853,122				
18,238,238	733,907						953,728			
18,525,033	728,036							935,829		
24,883,105	870,209								1,127,583	
2,249,237	90,509			142,643	8,416		103,204			
2,495,355	98,067							100,768		
										6,267,305
239,009	11,502					50,768				
4,863,894	195,723						371,760			
9,027,861	354,795			150,680	7,233			616,450		
8,069,525	282,433			280,009	12,320				468,534	
6,705,571	266,882			2,634,544	129,092	798,989				
16,944,811	681,859			5,215,637	307,723		1,951,315			
22,648,766	890,096			6,608,088	317,188			2,258,309		
15,233,910	533,187			7,254,464	319,197				1,777,936	
1,928,836	76,768					481,265				
2,293,000	92,270	26,257	4,291				554,436			
1,936,418	76,101	515,126	124,470					818,966		
2,004,436	70,155	586,764	79,800	332,003	14,608				559,063	
8,301	330	3,429,702	424,597			2,881,366				
11,396	459	2,539,900	415,045				3,196,037			
		2,538,661	387,654					3,281,771		
		3,779,830	514,057						3,449,210	
514,314	20,470					58,024				
229,366	9,230						40,729			
521,771	20,506							36,911		
128,912	4,512								12,562	
29,719	1,183	22,327,359	2,764,127			4,745,517				4,180,770
45,982	1,807	33,372,199	5,453,351				7,846,580			
1,678	59	28,621,973	4,370,575					6,688,902		
		16,428,959	2,234,339			1,000			4,171,744	
							2,000			
		8,073	1,233					4,443		
									3,732	
		152,723	18,907			21,156				
							2,000			
		29,505	4,505					7,094		
		14,525	1,975						5,294	
										7,978
						6,467				
							5,000			
								31,445		
									7,978	
										1,907,041
		10,998,721	1,361,642			1,533,947				
		15,429,778	2,521,380				2,630,898			
		14,443,793	2,205,567					2,359,178		
		13,070,245	1,777,553						1,907,041	
26,872,397	1,069,521	36,927,656	4,571,644	2,634,544	129,092	11,880,063				
44,871,454	1,805,627	51,456,537	8,408,513	5,358,280	316,139		18,218,266			
55,364,677	2,175,832	46,460,305	7,094,489	6,758,768	324,421			17,700,838		
50,625,048	1,771,877	45,009,699	6,121,319	7,886,467	346,125				15,790,031	15,790,031



TABLE X.—Showing Mineral Production of British Columbia.

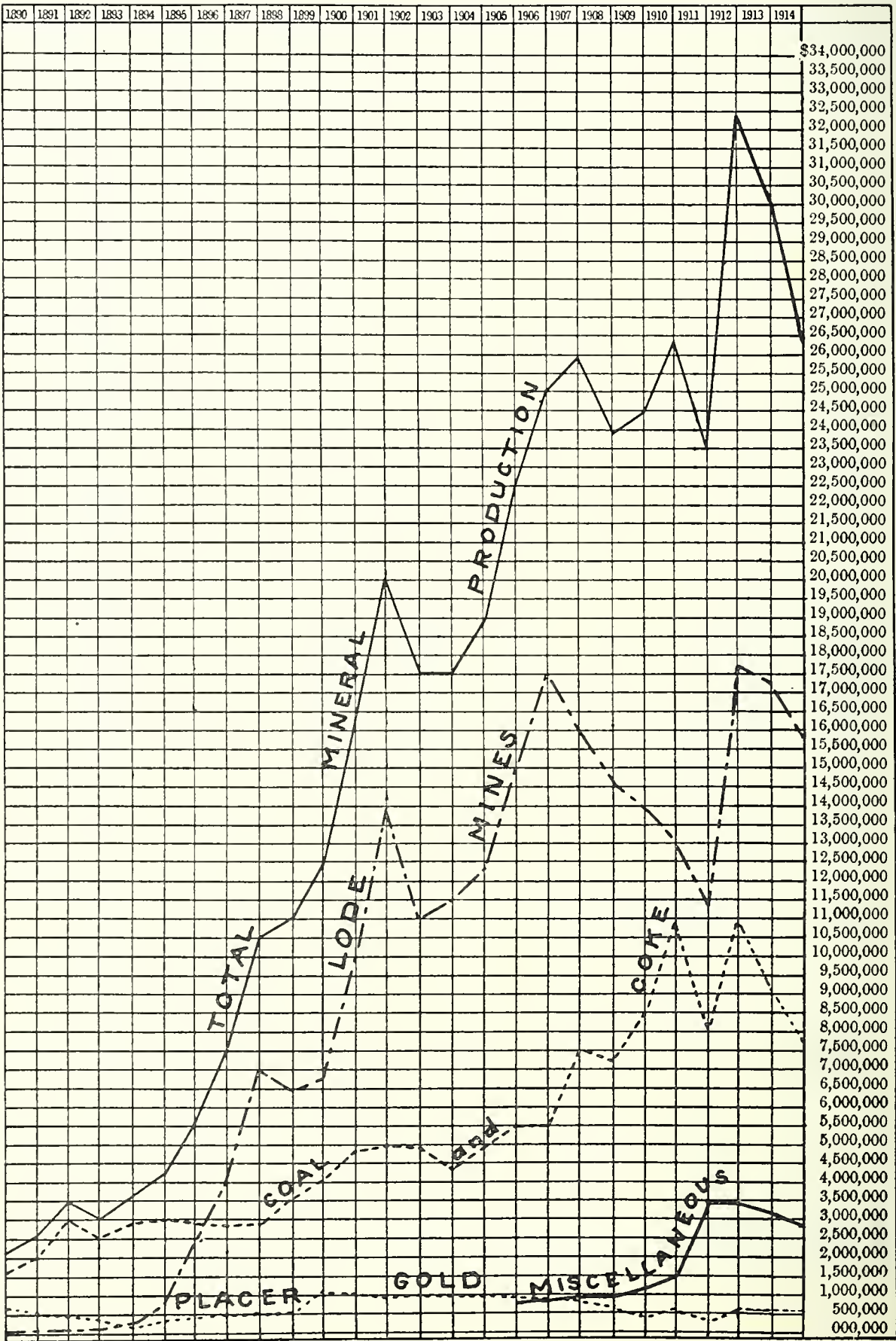


TABLE B  
SHOWING MINERAL PRODUCTION  
IN  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

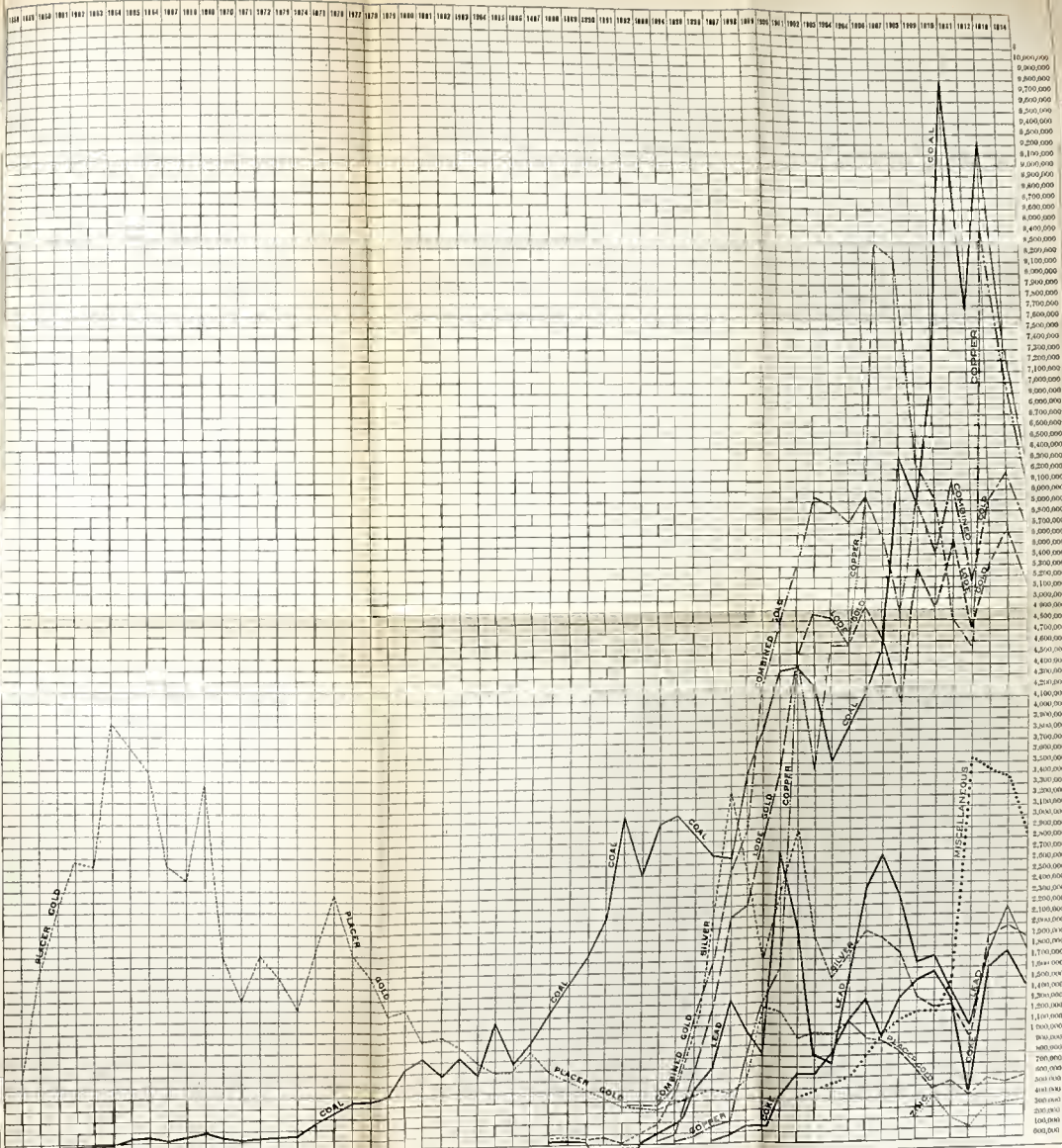






TABLE XI.

Showing Comparative Production in 1914 of Certain Minerals by British Columbia and All Other Provinces of Dominion Combined.

YUKON TERRITORY.		Gold.....	\$5,125,396	Silver†.....	\$35,132	Coal.....	\$53,760
Aggregate of Provinces.*		ALL OTHER PROVINCES COMBINED.					
Gold.....	\$11,296,309	\$5,674,004					\$5,622,305
Silver†.....	14,513,633	1,376,736					12,641,902
Copper.....	10,317,113	6,121,319					4,695,791
Lead†.....	1,771,377	1,771,377					NIL
Iron.....	1,138,912	NIL					1,138,912
Coal.....	34,130,385	6,338,335 1,407,462					26,384,533
Coke.....							
Total.....	\$73,673,234	\$23,189,783					\$50,483,451

\* Taken from "Preliminary Report on the Mineral Production of Canada in 1914," corrected by final figures of British Columbia Statistics.

† At the British Columbia valuation.

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## PROGRESS OF MINING.

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The year 1914, during its first half, gave promise of being an exceedingly favourable one for mining in the Province, and it was even expected that its mineral production would exceed that of any previous year.

These expectations, however, were shattered by the unprecedented conditions which confronted the mineral industry during the last half of the year. These conditions were brought about by the great European war, which so upset the metal markets of the world that quotations of prices for the more important metals were unobtainable for months. Such a condition was never before experienced, leaving no basis on which present sales of ores or metals could be transacted, or even the future values of these predicted.

Gold alone had a stable value, but the other metals that go to make up the mineral output of the Province are all such as America produces a large surplus of, which surplus had been disposed of in the European markets, and with these markets temporarily destroyed, the production of these metals was either stopped or materially curtailed.

Recently, however, since the eventual outcome of the struggle can be definitely predicted and Britain has obtained the undisputed command of the seas, the metal markets have been able to again resume business and to quote prices, these, however, being somewhat lower than previously prevailing.

It will be seen, therefore, that the conditions adversely affecting the mining industry are but temporary and with their end within sight.

The production for 1914, although it is materially less than those for the years 1912 and 1913, is, nevertheless, about the same as for the year 1910, while it is considerably greater than that of any other year and is much greater than the average production for the last ten years.

The decrease shown this year, while it is partially caused by a lesser quantity of the metals produced, is not entirely attributable to that cause, but is partially due to the lower average price of the metals prevailing in 1914 as compared with those of 1913.

For example, the average market value of silver in 1914 was about 4.9 cents an ounce lower than in 1913; copper was 2.27 cents a pound lower; lead, 0.5 cent a pound lower; zinc, 0.45 cent a pound lower.

If the metal prices of 1913 had been maintained during 1914 and applied to the output for that year, this output would have been valued at some \$1,170,117 greater than it appears. The lower average prices for the metals prevailing in 1914 are partially attributable to the war, but to some extent were occasioned by the financial stringency which preceded the war and possibly foreshadowed it.

The gross value of the mineral production for 1914 was \$26,388,825, a decrease from that of the year 1913 of \$3,907,573, or about 12.2 per cent.

The gradual increase in production during the past twenty-three years, and its fluctuations, are graphically shown in Table X., on page 14 of this Report.

The tonnage of ore mined in the lode mines of the Province during the past year was less than that of 1913. The ore mined amounted to 2,175,971 tons, showing a decrease from that of the previous year of 487,838 tons.

The tonnage mined in 1914 was produced by the various districts in about the following proportions: Boundary, 50.3 per cent.; Rossland, 13.6 per cent.; Cassiar, 12.1 per cent.;





Copper-gold Ores and Smelter Products—Boundary District, British Columbia,  
Panama-Pacific Exposition.



Clay and Cement Industries of British Columbia and other Provinces,  
Panama-Pacific Exposition.





the Coast District, 11.7 per cent. ; Slocan District, 4.7 per cent. ; Ainsworth, 3.1 per cent. ; Nelson, 2.7 per cent. ; East Kootenay, 1.7 per cent. ; and all other parts of the Province combined, 0.1 per cent.

The following table shows the number of mines which shipped ore during the year 1914, the districts in which they are situated, and the tonnage produced in each district, together with the number of men employed, both above ground and underground :—

TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF SHIPPING MINES IN 1914.

	Tons of Ore shipped.	No. of Mines shipping.	No. of Mines shipping over 100 Tons in 1914.	MEN EMPLOYED IN THESE MINES.		
				Below.	Above.	Total.
CARIBOO AND CASSIAR :						
Omineca, Atlin, Skeena, Queen Charlotte, and Portland Canal	263,107	10	4	253	125	378
EAST KOOTENAY :						
Fort Steele .....	36,384	2	2	76	32	108
Windermere-Golden .....						
WEST KOOTENAY :						
Ainsworth .....	66,441	14	6	176	87	263
Slocan and Slocan City .....	104,510	23	10	406	156	562
Nelson .....	57,879	19	12	239	124	363
Trail Creek .....	297,260	5	3	600	153	753
Other Divisions .....	149	3	.....	11	6	17
BOUNDARY :						
Grand Forks, Greenwood, and Osoyoos .....	1,093,229	12	10	568	284	852
Ashcroft-Kamloops .....	279	1	1	20	12	32
Similkameen-Vernon .....	150	1	1	3	4	7
LILLOOET .....	120	1	1	4	2	6
COAST .....	256,463	7	6	248	365	613
Total. ....	2,175,971	98	56	2,604	1,350	3,954

In explanation of the table it should be said that, in its preparation, a mine employing twelve men for four months is credited in the table with four men for twelve months, so that the total given is less than the actual number of individuals who worked in the mines during the year.

TABLE SHOWING NON-SHIPPING MINES AND MEN EMPLOYED.

DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF MINES.			MEN EMPLOYED.		
	Working.	Idle.	Total.	Below.	Above.	Total.
COAST AND CASSIAR .....	3	9	12	24	11	35
EAST KOOTENAY .....		2	2			
AINSWORTH .....	5	5	10	16	6	22
SLOCAN .....	8	16	24	37	12	49
NELSON .....	2	8	10	8	2	10
TRAIL CREEK .....	2	7	9	7	5	12
LARDEAU .....	2	3	5	3	1	4
BOUNDARY .....	7	21	28	41	45	86
LILLOOET .....	1	1	2	1	1	2
Total .....	30	72	102	137	83	220

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### SUMMARY OF THE STATISTICAL TABLES.

Referring to the preceding tables of the mineral production of the Province, the following is a summary of their contents:—

TABLE I. shows the total gross value of each mineral product mined in the Province up to the end of 1914, aggregating \$486,822,745. From this table it will be seen that coal-mining has produced more than any other separate class of mining, a total of \$149,814,462; followed next in importance by copper at \$86,939,370, and next in order is lode gold at \$81,595,516, with placer gold in fourth place at \$73,269,603.

The metal gold, obtained from both placer and lode mining, amounts to a value of \$154,865,119, the greatest amount derived from any one mineral, the next important being coal, the total gross value of which, combined with that of coke, is \$149,814,462, followed by copper at \$86,939,370, silver at \$37,709,282, and lead at \$31,468,462.

TABLE II. shows the value of the total production of the mines of the Province for each year from 1893 to 1914 (inclusive), during which period the output increased nearly tenfold, and reached a production, for the year 1913, valued at \$30,296,398, which is nearly three times what it was in 1898. The gross production for the year 1914, is \$26,388,825, which is materially less than that of either the year 1912 or 1913, a condition not due to the mines, but to be accounted for by the disruption of the metal markets occasioned by the war, which necessitated the closing-down of some of the larger mines during the last half of the year. During the first six months, the year gave promise of making a record production.

The value of the total mineral production of the Province up to the end of 1914 was \$486,822,745.

TABLE III. gives the quantities in the customary units of measure, and the values, of the various metals or minerals which go to make up the total of the mineral production of the Province, and also, for the purposes of comparison, similar data for the two preceding years.

The table shows that there has been this year an increase in the production of placer gold of some \$55,000, but at the same time a decrease in the output of lode gold of \$518,486, making a decrease of \$463,486 in the total production of the metal.

The amount of silver produced this year was 3,602,180 oz., having a gross value of \$1,876,736, an increase in the number of ounces produced of 136,324, due to an increased production in the Omineca, Skeena, and Fort Steele Divisions. The gross value of the silver product this year, however, shows a decrease over that of last year of \$91,870, on account of the market price of silver being lower during this year.

The table shows an output of lead in 1914 amounting to 50,625,048 lb., valued at \$1,771,877, which is a decrease from the production of the preceding year of 4,739,629 lb. of lead.

The production of copper this year was 45,009,699 lb., valued at \$6,121,319, a decrease in amount of 1,450,606 lb., or about 3.12 per cent. The value of the product was less than that of the preceding year by \$973,170—a decrease of 13.7 per cent.

TABLE IV. shows the proportions of the total mineral productions made in each of the various districts into which the Province is divided.

It will be noted that this year again the Coast District has the honour of first place on the list, followed, in order of importance, by the West Kootenay and Boundary Districts. The Coast and East Kootenay Districts owe a considerable proportion of their output to the coal-mines situated within their limits, whereas, in the other districts, the production is chiefly from metal-mining.



The Coast District also derives a large proportion of its production from "Miscellaneous products," such as building materials, etc., due to the larger cities therein; this year this amounted to \$2,419,817, as shown in Table V.

In this table, this year again, the value of zinc has been distributed to the districts producing it, which has occasioned some changes in this table as compared with the 1909 Report, thus making it differ from the column in that and previous reports.

TABLE V. is a new table introduced three years ago, and is an endeavour to show in some detail the production of those products, such as building materials, previously summarized under "Miscellaneous products," and which amounts this year to \$2,852,917. Much difficulty has been found in obtaining reliable figures regarding these products, and in many cases they have had to be estimated; but, while the figures are not as complete as desired, they are at least approximate, and show what an important branch of mineral production this has become.

TABLE VI. gives the statistical record of the placer mines of the Province from 1858 to 1914, and shows a total production of \$73,269,603. The output for 1914 was \$565,000, an increase, as compared with the previous year, of about 10.8 per cent.

TABLE VII. relates entirely to the lode mines of the Province, and shows the quantities and values of the various metals produced each year since the beginning, in 1887, of such mining in the Province. The gross value of the product of these mines to date is \$239,420,880; this figure includes the zinc production of 1909 and all subsequent years.

Last year a new column was made in this table in which to record the zinc production, and the output since 1909 has been recorded therein. In former years the zinc production was small and was listed as miscellaneous material.

TABLE VIII. contains the statistics of production of the coal-mines of the Province. The total amount of coal produced to the end of 1914 was 41,199,387 tons (of 2,240 lb.), worth \$132,507,063. Of this, there was produced in 1914 some 1,810,967 tons valued at \$6,338,385, a decrease of 326,516 tons in quantity and of \$1,142,805 in value compared with the preceding year. In these figures of coal production the coal used in making coke is not included, as such coal is accounted for in the figures of output of coke. The amount of coal used in making coke in 1914 was 355,461 tons, from which was made 234,577 tons of coke, having a value of \$1,407,462, a decrease from the preceding year of 51,468 tons, or about 17.95 per cent., with a decrease in value of \$308,808. While 234,577 tons of coke was actually made, only 234,480 tons was actually sold; 94 tons being added to the stocks at the mines, and 3 tons was used under the company's boilers. The total value of the output of the collieries of the Province in 1914 was \$7,745,847.

The average selling prices taken this year in the calculation of value of product are the same as those used last year; that for coal being \$3.50 and for coke \$6 a ton of 2,240 lb. The prices used in calculations prior to 1907 were \$3 and \$5 respectively.

More detailed statistics as to the coal production of the Province and of the separate districts are given elsewhere in this Report.

TABLE IX. gives the details of production of the metalliferous mines of the Province for the years 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914, and the districts in which such productions were made, showing the tonnage of ore mined in each district, with its metallic contents and its market value.

The total tonnage of ore mined in the Province during the year 1914 was 2,175,971 tons, having a gross value of \$15,225,061 and with the placer gold a total value of \$15,790,061.

The following table shows the percentages of such tonnage derived from the various districts of the Province:—

Boundary District.....	50.25	per cent. of tonnage.
Trail Creek Mining Division.....	13.65	" "
Cassiar District.....	12.10	" "
Coast District.....	11.75	" "
Slocan District.....	4.73	" "
Ainsworth Mining Division.....	3.05	" "
Nelson Mining Division.....	2.72	" "
East Kootenay District.....	1.65	" "
Other Divisions.....	0.1	" "
	100.00	

In reports previous to 1910 there has been included in this table the "Miscellaneous products," and in 1910 these were shown distributed to the various districts; the great increase of these products in the past few years has rendered it advisable that this table be reserved exclusively for metalliferous products, and so a new table (No. V.) was introduced in 1911, giving in some detail, the output of these miscellaneous products.

In making comparisons of this table with similar tables in previous reports, the fact that "Miscellaneous" has been removed will have to be borne in mind.

TABLE X. presents in graphic form the facts shown in figures in the tables, and demonstrates to the eye the rapid growth of lode-mining in the Province, and also the fluctuations to which it has been subject.

It will be seen that, although coal-mining has been a constantly increasing industry during this whole period of twenty-three years, lode-mining did not begin practically, until 1894, since when it has risen with remarkable rapidity, though not without interruption, until it reached, in 1906, the \$17,500,000 line. The total mineral production in 1910 reached the \$26,000,000 line, and in 1912 it reached the \$32,000,000 line, while this year it again drops to near the \$26,000,000 line.

TABLE XI. compares graphically the output of certain mineral products in British Columbia with that of the combined output of similar products in all the other Provinces of the Dominion, and shows that in 1913 British Columbia produced, in the minerals shown, an amount equal to over 45.9 per cent. of all the other Canadian Provinces combined.

### GOLD.

The production of placer gold during the past year was worth about  
**Placer Gold.** \$565,000 as nearly as can be ascertained; great difficulty is found in obtaining reliable figures, since the work is, in many cases, carried out by individuals or unorganized groups of men who keep no books, frequently paying wages, or for supplies, in gold-dust, which, being readily transported, is scattered, and the tax imposed thereon by law is thus evaded.

This year's output shows an increase, as compared with 1913, of \$55,000, chiefly due to a better gravel-washing season than usual in the Atlin District.

Considerable work in connection with placer-mining was done in the Similkameen District, although the actual production was small.

The production of placer gold is nearly all from the Atlin and Cariboo Districts; over 93 per cent. of the total coming from these two sections.

The value of the gold produced from lode-mining in the Province during the year 1914 was \$5,109,004, a decrease, as compared with the previous year, of \$518,486, or about 9.2 per cent. This reduction in the production of lode gold is due to large decreases in the output of the Boundary and Nelson Districts and smaller decreases in the Atlin, Lillooet, and Coast Districts. Against this there is a considerable increase in the Skeena Division of the Cassiar District, due to the commencement of smelting operations by the Granby Company at Anyox, and a slight increase in the yearly output of the Trail Creek Division.

The falling-off of the gold production in the Boundary District is entirely attributable to the closing of the smelters in August, on account of the European war. This same cause is largely responsible for the reduction in output of the Nelson Mining Division.

The only large stamp-mill in operation in the Province is at the *Nickel Plate* mine at Hedley, in the Osoyoos Mining Division, which, this past year, milled some 78,494 tons of ore having a value of about \$800,000. There are smaller stamp-mills operating at the *Poorman*, *Queen*, *Mother Lode*, and other mines in the Nelson Division; and in addition, there are stamp-mills at the *Jewel* mine, Greenwood; *Coronation* mine, Lillooet; and *Engineer* mine, Atlin, which operated during the year.

The following are the values of the gold product of the three most important camps; Rossland, \$2,864,201; Boundary, \$1,775,048; and Nelson, \$316,210. About 74 per cent. of the gold production of the Province is obtained from the smelting of copper-bearing ores, the remainder mainly from stamp-milling.

### SILVER.

The total amount of silver produced in the Province during the year 1914 was 3,602,180 oz., valued at \$1,876,736, an increase in amount, as compared with the previous year, of 136,324 oz.; but, owing to the decrease in the market value of this metal, the value of the silver-output in 1914 was \$91,870 less than in 1913. This is the greatest production of this metal since 1902.

The Slocan District—including the Ainsworth, Slocan, Slocan City, and Trout Lake Mining Divisions—produced about 59 per cent. of the total Provincial output of silver this year, and the Fort Steele Mining Division about 13.7 per cent., all from argentiferous galena. The remainder is chiefly derived from the smelting of copper-ores carrying silver.

The Hazelton District shows a big increase over the output of the previous year, the figures being respectively 135,265 and 46,298 oz.; most of this is credited to the *Silver Standard* mine.

The following table shows the silver production from the different Mining Divisions:—

Slocan and Slocan City M.D. produced 1,775,975 oz. silver = 49.35 per cent. of total.				
Fort Steele	"	492,080	"	13.65
Boundary	"	347,981	"	9.64
Ainsworth	"	329,586	"	9.15
Nelson	"	150,268	"	4.18
Trail Creek	"	136,185	"	3.78
Omineca	"	135,265	"	3.75
Skeena	"	131,509	"	3.64
Coast	"	91,574	"	2.54
Trout Lake	"	11,295	"	0.31
All others	"	462	"	0.01
		3,602,180		100.00



## LEAD.

The lead production of the Province for the year 1914 was 50,625,048 lb. of lead having a market value of \$1,771,877, showing, as compared with the previous year, a decrease in amount of 4,739,629 lb. of lead, or 8.55 per cent., and a decrease in value of \$403,954, or 18.5 per cent.

This amount of lead represents the amount of metallic lead actually received and paid for by the smelters.

Instead of taking account of "loss in slags," we have followed, as has been our habit, the practice of the smelters of deducting 10 per cent. from the market price of the metal, in calculating the value.

The average market price of this metal for the year 1914 was a little lower than for the previous year.

The lead production is this year, as usual, derived chiefly from the Slocan and Fort Steele Mining Divisions, as is shown in the following table:—

Fort Steele M.D. produced	24,863,105 lb.	lead =	49.13	per cent. of total.
Slocan	"	15,233,910	"	30.10 "
Ainsworth	"	8,069,525	"	15.92 "
Nelson	"	2,004,436	"	3.95 "
Omineca	"	323,482	"	0.64 "
All others	"	130,590	"	0.26 "
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		50,625,048		100.00

## COPPER.

The amount of copper produced in the Province in 1914, smelted during the year, was 45,009,699 lb. fine copper, valued at the average New York market price for copper at \$6,121,319. These figures represent the amount of copper actually recovered, as nearly as it is possible to ascertain; the amount of copper really in the ores mined would be approximately 25 per cent. greater.

As compared with the year 1913, these figures show a decreased production in amount of 1,450,606 lb., or about 3.13 per cent. This decrease is accounted for by the war conditions.

It is an agreeable surprise to find that under these conditions, the quantity of copper produced in 1914, as compared with 1913, shows only the comparatively small decrease of 1,450,606 lb. The explanation lies in the fact that the operation of the Granby Consolidated Company's *Hidden Creek* mine and its smelting-works at Anyox, in Skeena Mining Division, resulted in the production of copper to an extent that largely offset the decrease that resulted from the suspension of production from Boundary District mines.

The following table shows the production of the various districts for the years 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914:—

		1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	
Boundary	District	22,327,359 lb.	33,372,199 lb.	28,621,973 lb.	16,428,959 lb.	= 36.52 %
Rossland	"	3,429,702 "	2,539,900 "	2,538,661 "	3,779,830 "	8.40 "
Coast & Cassiar	"	11,017,872 "	15,518,181 "	14,446,967 "	24,199,621 "	53.74 "
Yale-Kamloops	"	152,723 "	..... "	37,578 "	14,525 "	0.03 "
Nelson	"	..... "	26,257 "	815,126 "	586,764 "	1.31 "
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		36,927,656 "	51,456,537 "	46,460,305 "	45,009,699 "	100.00 "

The average assays of the copper ores of the various camps, based upon the copper recovered were as follows:—

Boundary, 0.753 per cent. ; Coast, 2.545 per cent. ; and Rossland, 0.636 per cent.

## ZINC.

The total quantity of zinc produced in 1914 was 7,866,467 lb., valued at \$346,125 the average New York price, less 15 per cent., being taken as the basis of valuation.

This shows an increase, as compared with the year 1913, of 1,107,699 lb., or 16.36 per cent.

The lowering of the United States tariff on zinc concentrates and ore entering that country served to stimulate zinc production, and during the latter months of 1914 the high price prevailing and the great demand for zinc for war purposes accelerated the shipments of concentrates.

The experiments and plant for the electric smelting of zinc-lead ores which had been in operation at Nelson for about a year under G. C. Mackenzie, of the Mines Branch of the Department of Mines, Ottawa, were finally abandoned during last summer. W. R. Ingalls, who acted as consulting zinc metallurgist to that Department, writes—

“The experimental work at Nelson, B.C., was discontinued, it being regarded as conclusively settled that an electric zinc-smelting furnace so small as one ton of daily capacity is a commercial impossibility, while the satisfactory development of a larger furnace was regarded as too doubtful to be undertaken at Nelson.”

## COAL.

The gross production of coal in 1914 was 2,166,428 long tons, of which 355,461 tons was made into coke, leaving the net production at 1,810,967 tons. These figures show a decrease, as compared with 1913, of 404,332 tons gross and of 326,516 tons net. The quantity of coke made was 234,577 tons, which is a decrease of about 51,468 tons as compared with 1913. For purposes of comparison the following table is shown :—

	1914.	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.
Coal, gross.....tons, 2,240 lb..	2,166,428	2,570,760	3,025,709	2,297,718	3,139,235	2,400,600
Less made into coke ..	355,461	433,277	396,905	104,656	339,189	394,124
Coal, net.....	1,810,967	2,137,483	2,628,804	2,193,062	2,800,046	2,006,476
Coke made.....	234,577	286,045	264,333	66,005	218,029	258,703

These figures indicate a serious decrease, which is, however, only temporary, being mainly attributable to the European war.

In the interior of the Province the war brought about at least a partial closing-down of the metalliferous mines and smelters, and thus diminishing the amount of railway transportation, all of which constituted the chief market for the coal of this district.

In the Vancouver Island District the output in 1914 was greater than it was in 1913, when the labour troubles interfered with the production, but it is still much below the normal output of these collieries.

Production was not interfered with to any appreciable extent, if at all, by labour troubles in 1914. In fact, it was claimed that much more coal could have been produced had there been demand for it. There is no doubt that all there was a market for was produced. Unfortunately, though, less coal than usual was required from Vancouver Island mines for bunkering purposes, the state of war having considerably lessened the demand. The activity

of German cruisers that sought to destroy the shipping of the allied powers at war with Germany, for a period of four or five months interfered with the steamship trade to which Vancouver Island collieries ordinarily look for a considerable portion of their market. The destruction in December of those of the enemy's war-ships that had disturbed the mercantile service removed this menace to shipping. Again, the competition of fuel-oil continued to be felt, though not in a larger degree than in 1913.

Summarizing the Provincial production of coal, the following table shows the output :—

	1912.	1913.	1914.
Vancouver Island mines .....tons, 2,240 lb.	1,558,240	973,493	1,072,314
Nicola and Similkameen mines ..... "	206,257	265,542	138,931
Crowsnest mines ..... "	1,261,212	1,331,725	955,183
Total quantity of coal mined ..... "	3,025,709	2,570,760	2,166,428
Less made into coke ..... "	396,905	433,277	355,461
Net quantity of coal produced ..... "	2,628,804	2,137,483	1,810,967

COLLIERIES OF COAST DISTRICT.

The Coast collieries mined 1,211,245 tons of coal in 1914, of which 18,635 tons was added to stock, making 1,192,610 tons distributed from these collieries in 1914. This amount was distributed thus :

Sold as coal in Canada.....	724,066 tons.
"    United States.....	213,324 "
"    other countries.....	
Total sold as coal.....	937,390 tons.
Used under companies' boilers, etc.....	107,991 "
Used in making coke.....	
Lost in washing.....	147,229 "
	1,192,610 "
Plus coal added to stock.....	18,635 "
Gross output.....	1,211,245 "

The total coal sales of the Coast collieries for the year show, as compared with the sales of the previous year, a decrease of 44,700 tons, equivalent to 4.5 per cent.

The consumption of coal in that part of British Columbia served by the Vancouver Island collieries shows this year a decrease of 36,011 tons, or about 5.64 per cent. from the preceding year ; the amount exported to the United States was 114,392 tons greater, and no coal was exported to other countries.

Only one company in the Coast District—the Canadian Collieries, Limited, has ever made coke, and this year the ovens have not been in operation, although the company sold 2,314 tons of coke from stock, exhausting the stock.

The coke sold was entirely for consumption in British Columbia, no export sales having been made.

On Vancouver Island, four companies produced coal this year—the Canadian Collieries, Limited, the Western Fuel Company, the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, and the Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal Company ; the majority of these companies each operate two, or more, collieries. The combined output of the Island collieries was 1,072,314 tons.





Valley of Incomapleux River—looking North from Eva Mine—Lardeau Mining Division, British Columbia.



In the Nicola and Princeton valleys of the Coast District, the Middlesboro Colliery Company produced 60,705 tons of coal; the Princeton Colliery, 19,535 tons; the Inland Coal and Coke Syndicate (formerly Coal Hill Syndicate), 53,281 tons; the Coalmont Colliery, 4,850 tons; and the Pacific Coast Colliery Company, 560 tons.

The total output of this portion of the district was 138,931 tons.

#### EAST KOOTENAY COALFIELD.

There were three companies operating in this district—the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, operating two separate collieries, the combined output of which was 778,403 tons; the Corbin Coke and Coal Company, which made an output of 74,312 tons; and the Hosmer Mines, Limited, which produced 102,468 tons of coal, making a gross output for the district for 1914 of 955,183 tons of coal.

Of the coal mined, 3,205 tons was added to stock, making the amount of coal distributed from the collieries 951,978 tons.

Of this gross tonnage, 355,461 tons was used in the manufacture of coke, of which there was produced 234,577 tons (2,240 lb.).

The coke sold this year amounted to 232,166 tons, and 3 tons was used under the companies' boilers, making a total of 232,169 tons, to which must be added 2,408 tons added to stock, making the coke production for this year 234,577 tons, as compared with 286,045 tons in 1913.

The following table shows the distribution made of the coal of this district:—

Sold as coal in Canada.....	140,094 tons.
"    United States.....	389,383 "
Total sold as coal.....	529,477 tons.
Used by the companies in making coke.....	355,461 "
Used by the companies under boilers, etc. ....	67,040 "
	951,978 "
Plus coal added to stock.....	3,205 "
Gross output.....	955,183 "

The greater part of the gross Provincial production is still being mined by three companies—the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company of East Kootenay, the Canadian Collieries and the Western Fuel Company of Vancouver Island, which mined, collectively, 74.4 per cent. of the gross output, their respective production representing 36 per cent., 24.1 per cent., and 14.3 per cent. of such total.

Of the other collieries: In the Coast District, on Vancouver Island, the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Limited, produced 130,645 tons, and the Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal Company 107,158 tons; and in the Nicola Valley section of the district, the Middlesboro Colliery Company mined 60,705 tons, the Inland Coal and Coke Company 53,281 tons, the Princeton Coal and Land Company 19,535 tons, while the Coalmont Colliery produced some 4,850 tons of coal.

In the East Kootenay District, in addition to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, which produced 778,403 tons, the Hosmer Mines, Limited, produced 102,468 tons and the Corbin Coal and Coke Company 74,312 tons.

In addition to those companies actually shipping, several other companies have been installing plant and have approached the shipping stage, mention of which will be made elsewhere in this report.



The collieries of the Coast District, including the Nicola Valley field, are to be credited this year with about 56 per cent. of the total coal output.

The gross output of the collieries of the Province for the past year was, as already stated, 2,166,428 tons, of which some 21,840 tons of coal was added to stock, making the gross amount of coal distributed 2,144,588 tons.

Of this gross amount, there was sold for consumption in Canada, 864,160 tons ; sold for consumption in the United States, 602,707 tons ; making the total coal sales for the year 1,466,867 tons of 2,240 lb.

In addition to the coal sold, there was used in the manufacture of coke 355,461 tons, all in the East Kootenay field ; and used under companies' boilers, etc., 175,031 tons ; while 147,229 tons was lost in washing and screening.

There was no coke made this year in the Coast District, although some 2,314 tons was sold from stock, the total coke production having been made by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, and Hosmer Mines, Limited, in the East Kootenay field, where, from 355,461 tons of coal, 234,577 tons of coke was manufactured, of which 3 tons was used under the companies' boilers.

The coke sales of the Province for the past year amounted to 234,480 tons, and in addition 94 tons was added to stock.

The following table indicates the markets in which the coal and coke output of the Province was sold :—

COAL.	Coast District.	Crowsnest Pass District.	Total for Province.
Sold for consumption in Canada ..... tons, 2,240 lb.	724,066	140,094	864,160
" export to United States ..... "	213,324	389,383	602,707
" export to other countries ..... "	.....	.....	.....
Total coal sales.....	937,390	529,477	1,466,867
COKE.			
Sold for consumption in Canada ..... tons, 2,240 lb.	2,314	177,853	180,167
" export to United States ..... "	.....	54,313	54,313
" export to other countries..... "	.....	.....	.....
Total coke sales.....	2,314	232,166	234,480

OTHER MINERALS.

The situation in regard to iron ore remains unchanged, no material advancement having been made in the utilization of the numerous deposits throughout the Province. At present there is no market in the Province for iron ore, and, as a consequence, very little development-work has been done. There are, undoubtedly, a number of iron-ore deposits in different districts which are of considerable size, and which are, as a rule, very free from injurious elements. In considering the possibility of the successful establishment of an iron and steel industry, other factors besides availability of ore are important—namely, a sufficient market for the products, a supply of fuel near by at a price comparable with what it is in the East, and a steady supply of suitable labour.

So far as is at present known, there is on the Coast no developed body of hæmatite or other ore of iron, such as would be desirable to mix with the magnetites for blast-furnace smelting.

A deposit of hæmatite is being developed on the Zymoetz river, a description of which is given elsewhere in this Report.

As to the electro-thermic smelting of such iron ores into commercial pig-iron, the process has not as yet been sufficiently perfected, although it is looked upon as one of the possibilities of the future.

Considerable interest has been manifested during the past year in regard to iron-deposits generally, and there have been many rumours of intended installations of iron-smelting plants, but nothing at all definite has yet become public.

**Platinum.** No production of platinum in 1914 has been reported, and it is not likely that the Tulameen output from placer-mining was more than a few ounces.

**Oil.** Drilling for oil was continued in the Fraser valley, and also in the neighbourhood of Otard bay, Graham island, but although the results are said to be encouraging, no appreciable flowage of oil is yet reported.

**Mica.** A small amount of development-work was carried out on the mica claims in the vicinity of Tete Jaune Cache, but no output is yet recorded. Now that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has been built within a few miles of these claims, it is pretty well assured that they will be seriously investigated this coming summer.

**Molybdenum.** It is of interest to note the fact that the mineral molybdenite has been discovered, in what appears to be commercial quantities, at the head of Lost creek, some fifteen miles from the town of Salmo, in the Nelson Mining Division; two carloads of the mineral has been mined and taken to Salmo for shipment. The deposit would appear to be of considerable size, but, judging from the samples sent to this Department by the owners, the material will require to be concentrated to bring it up to the market requirements of about 85 per cent. molybdenite.

## BUILDING MATERIALS.

The production of building materials during 1914 was less than in the year 1913, due no doubt to the financial depression and the war, which have, to some extent, retarded construction-work, especially in the Coast cities.

The decrease in output was general with each of the different kinds of building material, except in the case of riprap. Nearly \$500,000 worth of this material was used in the construction of the breakwater and piers at Victoria, and therefore this column in the table shows a large increase over that of the previous year.

The output of pottery and tile was also nearly equal to that of the previous year. The heaviest decreases were in red brick and cement.

For the past year, although the statistical returns are not as complete as desired, a production of about \$2,852,917 is accounted for, the details of which are given in Table V., on page 9. Approximately 85 per cent. of this output comes from the Coast District, and the larger part of this finds its market in the Coast cities.

Excellent building-stone of various sorts is found in abundance in **Building-stone.** almost every part of the Province, but the fact of its widespread distribution has, however, been somewhat against the establishment of large quarrying industries, as a sufficient local supply could always be obtained, and, except within reach of the larger cities, few regularly equipped quarries have been opened.

On the Coast, chiefly between Vancouver Island and the Mainland, there are several well-equipped quarries taking out granite, sandstone, and andesite, all of excellent quality. These quarries supply the stone building material of the Coast cities, and also export to the United States.

A detailed description of the more important quarries was given in the Report of this Bureau for 1904.

The marble-quarry in the Ainsworth Mining Division is still being **Marble.** developed, but it is not known that any appreciable output was made. Two new marble-quarries were opened up on the southern end of Texada island, but it is too soon as yet to expect anything more than sample shipments. Sample slabs from one of those quarries sent to the Provincial Museum show a marble very pleasing to the eye and of excellent quality, hard, and taking a good polish. The other quarry is known to have sent at least one scow-load of large blocks to Vancouver—presumably to be slabbed—but no information is as yet available as to the results obtained.

The production of red brick during the past year was about 17,000 M., **Red Brick.** amounting in value to \$163,300. The price of common brick ranges from \$8 to \$11 a thousand, according to quality and demand. A considerable quantity of brick is still imported into Vancouver, but, as the local plants are now well equipped with modern appliances, they should be able to overcome outside competition.

The only company producing firebrick in the Province is the Clayburn **Firebrick.** Company, Limited, with a plant at Clayburn, where the beds of clay are of the age of the coal-measures. This company made approximately 1,600 M. firebrick, worth about \$43,000, and 1,100 M. front or face brick, worth over \$30,000. Besides this the company made a large number of common brick, paving-brick, tiles, drain-pipes, etc.

The plant of the British Columbia Pottery Company at Victoria West, **Pottery Drain-** which manufactures drain and sewer pipe, chimney-tiles, etc., was rebuilt **pipe, and Tile.** after having been burned down in 1913, and had nearly a full year's output. The Port Haney Brick Company, besides manufacturing common brick, also make drain-pipe, partition-block, etc.

The manufacture of lime is conducted in a small way at a large number **Lime.** of points in the Province, but only on the Coast has any attempt been made at more extensive operations. In the neighbourhood of Victoria, on Esquimalt harbour three kilns are in operation, and there are kilns on Saanich Arm. On Texada Island—in addition to the old plant at Marble bay—a new and extensive plant has been erected at Blubber bay. The limestone being used is of exceptional purity, but in some instances the lime-stone beds are cut by igneous dykes which have to be rejected, and this somewhat increases the costs of quarrying.

The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company quarried about 52,000 tons of limestone from the Fife quarries for use as flux in the furnaces at the Trail smelter.





Western Fuel Co.'s Pit-head—Nanaimo, British Columbia.



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Two companies manufactured cement in the Province during the past year. The Vancouver Portland Cement Company, with works at Tod inlet, is said to have produced over \$550,000 worth of cement. The Associated Cement Company, with works at Bamberton, made a production valued at about \$300,000. The cement plant started near Princeton has ceased to operate.

**Crushed Rock and Gravel.** The returns for crushed rock and gravel indicate a falling off in the demand for this material. Some of the plants which have been in operation for the past two or three years ceased operations, and others made a smaller output than in the previous year.

Concrete construction has become so extensive on the Coast that a number of plants are well fitted up with crushing and screening machinery to make the various products required.

Near Vancouver and Victoria a number of companies supply washed sand and gravel, properly screened to size. Some of these companies use a system of mining the gravel by hydraulic streams and carrying the product to the screens by the water used. The value of the sand and gravel produced for use in these two cities amounted during the past year to over \$300,000.

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## METALLIFEROUS MINES SHIPPING IN 1914.

## CASSIAR.

## ATLIN MINING DIVISION.

Mine or Group.	Locality.	Owner or Agent.	Address.	Character of Ore.
Engineer .....	Windy Arm.....	J. Alexander .....	Carcross .....	Gold.

## SKEENA.

## SKEENA MINING DIVISION.

Granby Group.....	Anyox .....	Granby Cons. M. S. & P. Co.....	Anyox .....	Copper, gold.
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## QUEEN CHARLOTTE MINING DIVISION.

Early Bird .....	Moresby island .....	J. McLellan .....	Queen Charlotte....	Gold.
Tasu Mine.....	Tasu harbour .....	Tasu Mining Co .....	" .....	Gold, copper.

## OMINECA MINING DIVISION.

American Boy .....	9-Mile mountain.....	Harris Mines, Ltd.....	Hazelton .....	Gold, silver, lead.
Colorado .....	Hunter basin.....	Chester Thoman.....	Telkwa .....	Silver, copper.
Silver Cup.....	9-Mile mountain.....	Silver Cup Mines, Ltd.....	Hazelton .....	Silver, lead.
Empire Group.....	Hudson Bay mountain..	Simpson Bros.....	Smithers .....	" "
Silver Standard.....	Glen mountain .....	Silver Standard Mining Co.....	New Hazelton .....	Gold, silver, lead.

## EAST KOOTENAY.

## FORT STEELE MINING DIVISION.

St. Eugene .....	Moyie .....	Consolidated M. & S. Co.....	Marysville. ....	Silver, lead.
Sullivan .....	Kimberley .....	" .....	" .....	"

## WEST KOOTENAY.

## AINSWORTH MINING DIVISION.

Bluebell .....	Riondel, Kootenay lake .	New Canadian Metal Co.....	Riondel .....	Silver, lead.
Caledonia .....	Whitewater .....	.....	.....	"
Charleston.....	South Fork, Kaslo creek	W. E. Zwicky.....	Kaslo .....	"
Cork-Province .....	Ainsworth .....	.....	.....	"
Early Bird .....	" .....	Consolidated M. & S. Co.....	Ainsworth.....	"
Highland.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	"
Maestro-Banker .....	" .....	" .....	" .....	"
No. 1 .....	" .....	" .....	" .....	"
Panama .....	Bear lake .....	H. Giegerich .....	Kaslo .....	Silver.
Revenue .....	Kaslo creek .....	Lachlan MacLean.....	" .....	Silver, lead.
Silver Hoard .....	Ainsworth.....	Silver Hoard Mines, Ltd.....	Ainsworth.....	"
U.S .....	Jackson basin .....	W. E. Smith.....	" .....	Zinc.
Utica .....	Paddy mountain.....	Utica Mines, Ltd.....	Kaslo .....	Silver, lead, zinc.
Whitewater .....	Whitewater.....	J. L. Retallack & Co.....	" .....	Gold, silver, lead, zinc.

WEST KOOTENAY.—*Concluded.*

## SLOCAN MINING DIVISION.

Mine or Group.	Locality.	Owner or Agent.	Address.	Character of Ore.
Antoine .....				Silver, lead.
Buck Frac .....				"
Cinderella .....	Three Forks .....	G. B. Dean .....	Three Forks .....	"
Colonial .....	Sandon .....	A. D. Coplen .....	Spokane .....	"
Evening & Jennie .....	" .....	G. T. Gormley .....	Sandon .....	"
Hartney .....	New Denver .....	A. H. Blumenauer .....	New Denver .....	Silver, lead, zinc.
Hewitt .....	Silverton .....	Silverton Mines, Ltd. ....	Silverton .....	"
Ivanhoe .....	Sandon .....	Minnesota Silver Co. ....	Sandon .....	Silver, lead.
Lone Bachelor .....	Three Forks .....	Angus Cameron .....	Three Forks .....	"
Lucky Thought .....	Silverton .....	Con. Mining & Smelting Co. ....	Trail .....	"
Noonday .....	Cody creek .....	Bruce White .....	Sandon .....	"
Rambler-Cariboo .....	McGuigan .....	Rambler-Cariboo Mines, Ltd. ....	Three Forks .....	Silver, lead, zinc.
Richmond-Eureka .....	Sandon .....	Con. Mining & Smelt'g Co. of Can. ....	New Denver .....	Silver, lead.
Ruth .....	" .....	The Ruth Mines, Ltd. ....	Kaslo .....	"
Slocan Star .....	" .....	Slocan Star Mines, Ltd. ....	Sandon .....	"
Standard .....	Silverton .....	Standard Silver Lead Mining Co. ....	Silverton .....	Silver, lead, zinc.
Surprise .....	Sandon .....	J. P. MacFadden .....	Sandon .....	Silver, lead.
Van-Roi .....	Silverton .....	Van Roi Mining Co., Ltd. ....	Rossland .....	Silver, lead, zinc.
Wonderful .....	Sandon .....	Wonderful Group Mining Co. ....	Sandon .....	Silver, lead.

## SLOCAN CITY MINING DIVISION.

Black Prince .....	Lemon creek .....			Silver, lead.
Eastmont .....	Ten-mile creek .....	Ellis Silver Mining Co. ....	Slocan .....	Gold, silver, lead.
Enterprise .....	" .....	S. S. Fowler .....	Riondel .....	"
Ottawa .....	New Denver .....	Consolidated M. & S. Co. ....	Trail .....	Silver.

## NELSON MINING DIVISION.

Burnett .....				Gold, silver.
California .....	Toad mountain .....	W. Moore .....	Nelson .....	"
Emerald .....	Salmo .....	Iron Mountain, Ltd. ....	Salmo .....	Silver, lead.
H. B. ....	Deer creek .....	H. B. Mining Co. ....	" .....	Silver, lead, zinc.
Hope .....	South Fork, Salmon river .....	Wm. A. Talbot .....	" .....	Silver, lead.
Molly Gibson .....	Kokanec creek .....	Consolidated M. & S. Co. ....	Nelson .....	"
Molybdenite Group .....	Lost creek .....	Bell Bros. & Bennet. ....	Salmo .....	Molybdenum.
Motherlode .....	Sheep creek .....	Motherlode Sheep Creek Min. Co. ....	Sheep Creek .....	Gold, silver.
Perrier .....	Cottonwood creek .....	C. Crossley .....	Nelson .....	"
Porto Rico .....	Barrett creek .....	W. B. DeWitt .....	" .....	Gold.
Queen .....	Sheep creek .....	Queen Mines, Incorporated. ....	Sheep Creek .....	Gold, silver.
Queen Victoria .....	Beasley .....	B.C. Copper Co. ....	Greenwood .....	Gold, silver, copper.
Revell .....				Silver, lead.
Second Relief .....	Erie .....	A. D. Westby .....	Nelson .....	Gold, silver.
Silver King .....	Toad mountain .....	Consolidated M. & S. Co. ....	" .....	Gold, silver, copper.
Summit Group .....	Sheep creek .....	W. B. DeWitt .....	Sheep Creek .....	Gold.
Taft .....				"
Venus .....	Morning mountain .....	A. H. Gracey .....	Nelson .....	"
Yankee Girl .....	Ymir .....	Hobson Silver Lead Co. ....	Ymir .....	Gold, silver.
Zincton .....	Deer creek .....	P. F. Horton .....	Salmo .....	Silver, lead, zinc.

## TRAIL CREEK MINING DIVISION.

Blue Bird .....	Rossland .....	Rosalie Mining Co. ....	Rossland .....	Gold, silver, lead.
Centre Star Group .....	" .....	Consolidated M. & S. Co. ....	" .....	Gold, silver, copper.
Le Roi .....	" .....	Consolidated M. & S. Co. ....	" .....	" "
Josie Group .....	" .....	Le Roi No. 2, Ltd. ....	" .....	" "
Phoenix .....	" .....	Phoenix Gold Mining Co. ....	" .....	" "

## TROUT LAKE MINING DIVISION.

Ajax .....	Ferguson .....	Ferguson Mines, Ltd. ....	Ferguson .....	Gold, silver, lead.
Silver Cup .....	" .....	" .....	" .....	" "

## REVELSTOKE MINING DIVISION.

Lanark .....	Illecillewaet .....	Fred C. Elliott .....	Victoria .....	Gold, silver, lead.
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BOUNDARY.

GRAND FORKS MINING DIVISION.

Mine or Group.	Locality.	Owner or Agent.	Address.	Character of Ore.
Rawhide .....	Phoenix .....	New Dominion Copper Co. ....	Greenwood .....	Gold, silver, copper.
Union .....	Franklin camp. ....	Louis Johnson .....	Grand Forks. ....	Gold, silver.

GREENWOOD MINING DIVISION.

Carmi .....	Carmi. ....	W. H. Burke. ....	Carmi. ....	Gold, silver.
Dynamo. ....	.....	.....	.....	Gold, silver, lead.
Granby. ....	Phoenix .....	Granby M., S. & P. Co. ....	Grand Forks. ....	Gold, silver, copper.
Imperial .....	Rock creek. ....	E. L. Steeves .....	Rock Creek .....	" "
Jewel-Denoro. ....	Greenwood .....	Jewel Denoro Mines, Ltd. ....	Greenwood .....	Gold, silver.
Motherlode. ....	" .....	B.C. Copper Co., Ltd. ....	" .....	Gold, silver, copper.
Sally .....	Wallace mountain. ....	Alex. Robinson .....	" .....	Gold, silver, lead.
Standard .....	" .....	W. H. Rambo .....	Beaverdell. ....	Silver, lead.

OSOYOOS MINING DIVISION.

Dividend .....	Kruger mountain. ....	Dividend-Lake View C. G. M. Co.	Spokane .....	Gold, silver, copper.
Nickel Plate. ....	Hedley .....	Hedley Gold Mining Co. ....	Hedley .....	Gold.

VERNON MINING DIVISION.

St. Paul .....	Monashee mountain. ....	Paul Rambler. ....	Kelowna .....	Gold.
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KAMLOOPS MINING DIVISION.

Iron Mask .....	Kamloops. ....	E. G. Wallinder. ....	Kamloops .....	Gold, silver, copper.
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LILLOOET MINING DIVISION.

Coronation. ....	Cadwallader creek .....	Coronation Gold Mines, Ltd. ....	Victoria .....	Gold.
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COAST.

VANCOUVER MINING DIVISION.

Britannia. ....	Howe sound. ....	Britannia Mining & Smelting Co.	Britannia Beach ....	Silver, copper.
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NANAIMO MINING DIVISION.

Copper Queen .....	Texada island .....	Jas. Raper. ....	Vananda .....	Gold, silver, copper.
Cornell. ....	" .....	I. Little .....	" .....	" "
Gem. ....	" .....	A. A. Logan. ....	Vancouver .....	Gold.
Marble Bay. ....	" .....	Tacoma Steel Co. ....	Tacoma .....	Gold, silver, copper.

CLAYOQUOT MINING DIVISION.

Kallapa. ....	Meares island. ....	Kallapa Mining Co., Ltd. ....	Vancouver .....	Gold, silver, copper.
Leora .....	Elk river .....	W. W. Gibson. ....	Victoria .....	Gold.





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## GOLD COMMISSIONERS AND MINING RECORDERS.

Mining Divisions.	Location of Office.	Gold Commissioner.	Mining Recorder.	Sub-Recorder.
Atlin Mining Division..	Atlin .....	J. A. Fraser .....	W. G. Paxton....	
Sub-office .....	Discovery .....	.....	.....	R. Webster.
" .....	Telegraph Creek..	.....	.....	H. W. Dodd.
" .....	Summit Station..	.....	.....	Geoffrey Butler.
" .....	Wynnton .....	.....	.....	W. H. Simpson.
" .....	Haines (U.S.) .....	.....	(Com. for taking	Risdon M. Odell.
" .....	Nahlin .....	.....	Affidavits)	J. F. Pilling.
Stikine Mining Division ..	Telegraph Creek ..	H. W. Dodd .....	H. W. Dodd .....	
Sub-office .....	Boundary .....	" .....	" .....	William Strong.
Liard Mining Division ..	Telegraph Creek ..	" .....	" .....	
Sub-office .....	Porter .....	.....	.....	Chas. H. Smith.
" .....	McDame Creek. .	.....	.....	Amos Everson.
Skeena Mining Division..	Prince Rupert....	J. H. McMullin...	J. H. McMullin	
Sub-office .....	Alice Arm .....	.....	.....	H. H. Carney.
" .....	Kitimat.....	.....	.....	Geo. L. Anderson.
" .....	Port Simpson .....	.....	.....	J. R. C. Deane.
" .....	Essington .....	.....	.....	A. Forsythe.
" .....	Stewart (Portland Canal).....	.....	.....	John Conway.
" .....	Unuk River... .	.....	.....	Burt E. Daily.
" .....	Anyox .....	.....	.....	F. A. McKinnon.
Portland Canal M.D. ....	Stewart.....	J. H. McMullin ...	John Conway.....	
		(at Prince Rupert)		
Bella Coola Mining Div. .	Prince Rupert....	J. H. McMullin...	J. H. McMullin ...	
Sub-office .....	Bella Coola .....	.....	.....	Frank Broughton.
Queen Charlotte Min'g D.	Queen Charlotte ..	E. M. Sandilands..	E. M. Sandilands..	Petrie S. Jack.
Sub-office .....	Jedway.....	.....	.....	W. Prescott.
" .....	Masset .....	.....	.....	C. Harrison.
" .....	Lockeport .....	.....	.....	William Morgan.
Omineca Mining Division.	Hazelton .....	Stephen H. Hoskins	Jas. E. Kirby .....	
Sub-office .....	Fort Grahame....	.....	.....	John Ross.
" .....	Fort St. James ..	.....	.....	Alex. C. Murray.
" .....	Manson Creek .....	.....	.....	W. B. Steele.
" .....	Copper City .....	.....	.....	P. R. Skinner.
" .....	Telkwa .....	.....	.....	R. Gale.
" .....	Terrace.....	.....	.....	C. E. Doolittle.
" .....	Fort St. John .....	.....	.....	F. W. Beaton.
" .....	Babine Portage...	.....	.....	R. J. Cameron.
" .....	Fort Fraser .....	.....	.....	J. E. Hooson.
" .....	Junction Finlay &	Parsnip Rivers....	.....	Wm. Fox.
" .....	Pacific.....	.....	.....	T. H. McCubbin.
" .....	Smithers .....	.....	.....	Walter Noel.



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Mining Divisions.	Location of Office.	Gold Commissioner.	Mining Recorder.	Sub-Recorder.
Peace River Mining Div..	Fort St. John ....	.....	F. W. Beaton ....	
Sub-office .....	Hudson's Hope...	.....	.....	Thomas A. Mansell.
" .....	Pouce Coupe ....	.....	.....	G. J. Duncan.
Cariboo Mining Division..	Barkerville .....	C. W. Grain .....	.....	
Sub-office .....	Quesnel .....	.....	.....	A. P. Halley.
" .....	Fort George .....	.....	.....	T. W. Herne.
" .....	Tete Jaune .....	.....	.....	Henry Taylor.
Quesnel Mining Division..	150-Mile House...	C. W. Grain .....	Arthur Sampson...	
Sub-office .....	Quesnel .....	(at Barkerville)	.....	George Milburn.
Clinton Mining Division..	Clinton .....	E. C. Lunn .....	.....	
Lillooet .....	Lillooet .....	Caspar Phair... ..	Caspar Phair .....	
Kamloops Mining Division	Kamloops .....	E. T. W. Pearse .....	E. Fisher .....	
Ashcroft .....	Ashcroft .....	" (at Kamloops)	H. P. Christie .....	
Nicola .....	Nicola .....	" "	W. N. Rolfe .....	
Yale .....	Yale .....	" "	L. A. Dodd .....	
Sub-Office .....	Hope .....	" "	.....	George Blue.
Similkameen .....	Princeton .....	Hugh Hunter .....	Hugh Hunter .....	
Sub-office .....	Hedley .....	.....	.....	F. M. Gillespie.
Vernon Mining Division..	Vernon .....	L. Norris .....	H. F. Wilmot .....	
Greenwood Mining Div...	Greenwood .....	W. R. Dewdney...	.....	
Sub-office .....	Vernon .....	.....	.....	H. F. Wilmot.
" .....	Rock Creek .....	.....	.....	H. Nicholson
" .....	Beaverdell .....	.....	.....	E. F. Ketchum.
Grand Forks Min. Div....	Grand Forks .....	S. R. Almond .....	S. R. Almond .....	
Osoyoos Mining Division..	Fairview .....	J. R. Brown .....	R. D. Tweedie .....	
Sub-office .....	Olalla .....	.....	.....	R. W. Northey.
" .....	Hedley .....	.....	.....	F. M. Gillespie.
Golden Mining Division..	Golden .....	H. C. Rayson .....	F. H. Bacon .....	
Windermere .....	Wilmer .....	.....	Ronald Hewat .....	
Fort Steele Mining Div...	Cranbrook .....	N. S. A. Wallinger.	H. S. Clark .....	
Sub-office .....	Steele .....	.....	.....	Joseph Walsh.
" .....	Fernie .....	.....	.....	Geo. F. Stalker.
" .....	Moyie .....	.....	.....	John P. Farrell.
" .....	Marysville .....	.....	.....	Alfred Dryden.
Ainsworth Mining Div ...	Kaslo .....	R. J. Stenson . ...	A. McQueen .....	Wm. J. Green.
Sub-office .....	Howser .....	.....	.....	W. Simpson.
" .....	Trout Lake .....	.....	.....	A. N. Vars.
Slocan Mining Division...	New Denver .....	R. J. Stenson (at	Angus McInnes ...	
Sub-office .....	Sandon .....	" Kaslo)	.....	W. J. Parham.
Slocan City Mining Div...	Slocan .....	.....	Howard Parker...	
Trout Lake Mining Div...	Trout Lake .....	R. J. Stenson .....	A. N. Vars .....	
Nelson Mining Division ..	Nelson .....	John Cartmel .....	S. S. Jarvis .....	
Sub-office .....	Creston .....	.....	.....	Guy Loewenberg.
" .....	Ymir .....	.....	.....	Geo. S. Coleman.
" .....	Sheep Creek .....	.....	.....	James Thompson.
" .....	Salmo .....	.....	.....	G. A. Kennington.
Arrow Lake Min. Division	Nakusp .....	John Cartmel .....	Walter Scott .....	
Sub-office .....	Vernon .....	(at Nelson)	.....	H. F. Wilmot.
Revelstoke Mining Div...	Revelstoke .....	Robt. Gordon .....	R. S. Squarebriggs.	Newton R. Brown
Lardeau Mining Division.	Beaton .....	" (at Revelstoke)	William A. Strutt.	Mrs. A. H. Strutt.

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Mining Division.	Location of Office.	Gold Commissioner.	Mining Recorder.	Sub-Recorder.
Trail Creek Mining Div...	Rossland .....	H. R. Townsend...	H. R. Townsend...	
Nanaimo Mining Division	Nanaimo .....	George Thomson...	George Thomson...	
Sub-office .....	Ladysmith .....	.....	.....	John Stewart.
" .....	Alert Bay .....	.....	.....	H. F. Helmsing.
" .....	Vananda .....	.....	.....	David Jones.
" .....	Rock Bay .....	.....	.....	W. H. Lines.
Alberni Mining Division..	Alberni .....	J. Kirkup .....	.....	
Clayoquot " ..	Clayoquot .....	" (at Alberni)	W. T. Dawley ....	
Quatsino " ..	Quatsino .....	" "	O. A. Sherberg....	
Victoria Mining Division..	Victoria .....	Herbert Stanton...	Herbert Stanton...	
New Westminster Min. D.	New Westminster.	F. C. Campbell....	I. Wintemute.....	
Sub-office .....	Harrison Lake ....	.....	.....	L. A. Agassiz.
" .....	Chilliwack .....	.....	.....	J. Pelly.
Vancouver Mining Div...	Vancouver .....	John Mahony .....	A. P. Grant .....	

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